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This guide is designed to present our mountain resort's beauty, activities, and unique accommodations in a fun and easy to read format. We hope our photo-filled publication encourages you to plan your next vacation in Garrett County.

– Come, inspire your senses!

Visit www.garrettchamber.com— Your most complete source for where to go and what to do in the Deep Creek Lake Area. Get information on accommodations and attractions, or check our current calendar of events. Daily updates are provided on winter ski conditions and links for white-water release schedules. The site is also a comprehensive cyber gateway to local businesses and area information services.

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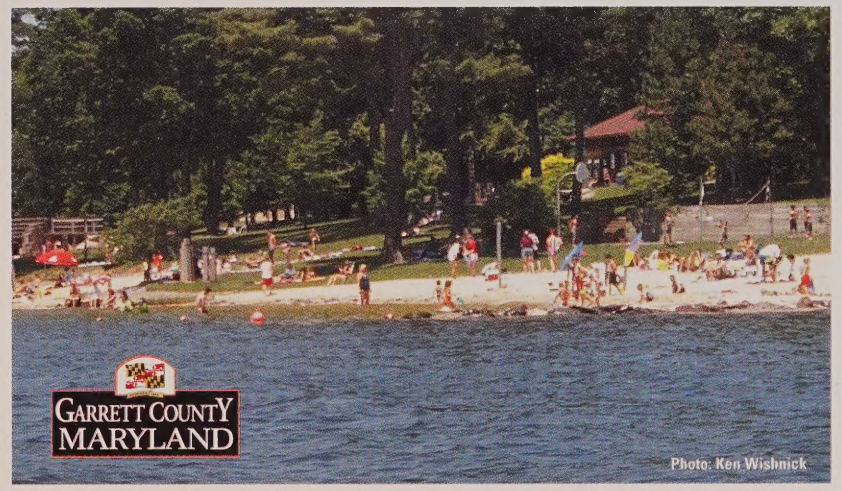

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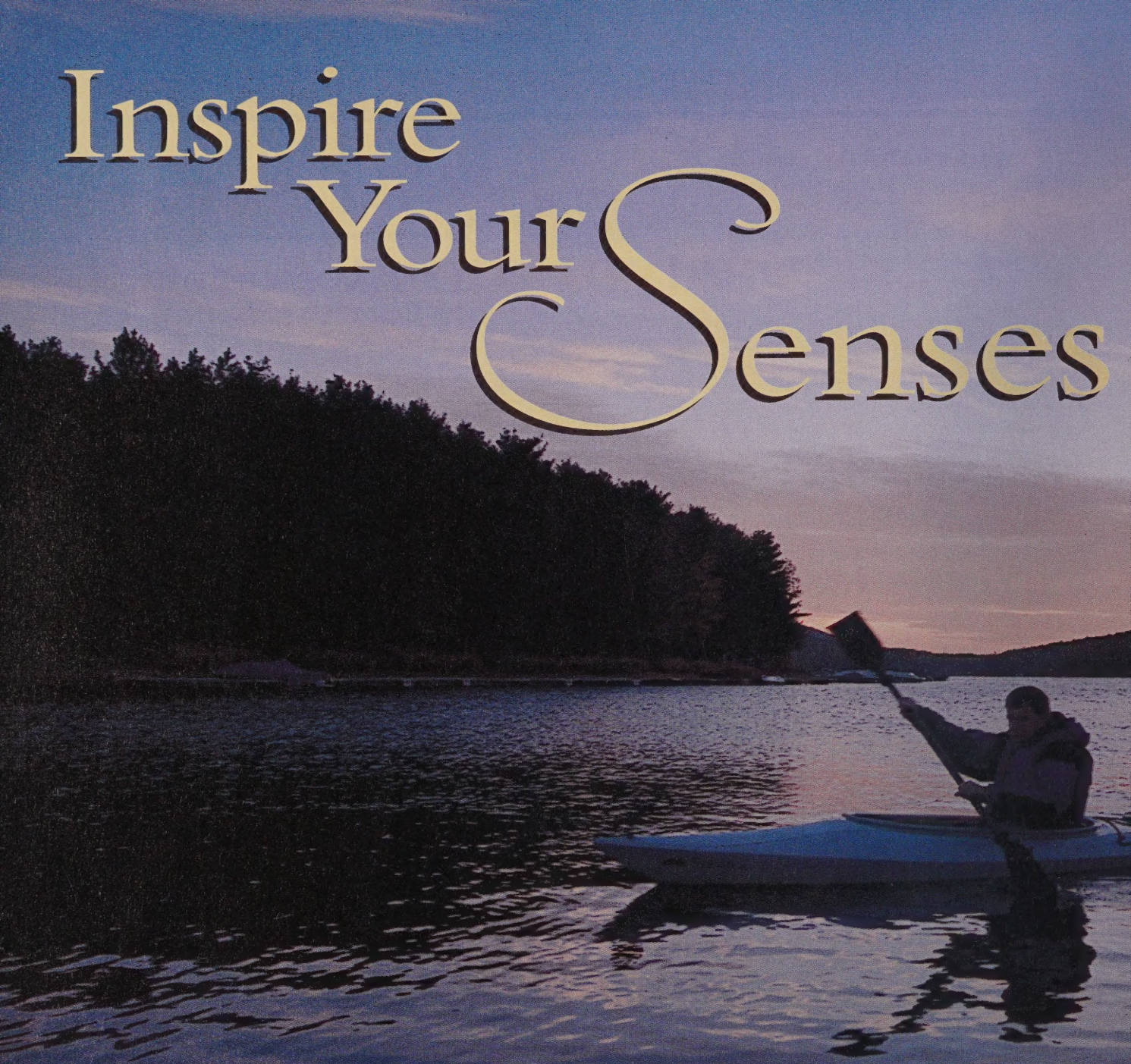
Inspire Your Senses



There is much to be said about living in or near a major city, but there's also considerable stress that comes with commuting to work and just managing everyday life. Reconnecting with nature in a hassle-free mountain setting is not only fun, but can also help you feel refreshed and more creative when you return.

Tucked in the mountains of western Maryland, the Deep Creek Lake Area is a true four-season resort. There are many nature-oriented activities in every season and the scenic mountains and vistas are almost endless. There are only nine full-functioning traffic lights (13 if you include the blinkers) in our entire county. Our population is just over 29,000 people on 657 square miles or about 14 acres per capita, yet full resort amenities are available. We're only a three-hour interstate drive from Baltimore/Washington and just two hours south of Pittsburgh. Your senses will escape urban life and begin communicating with nature.

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Summer full of Fun

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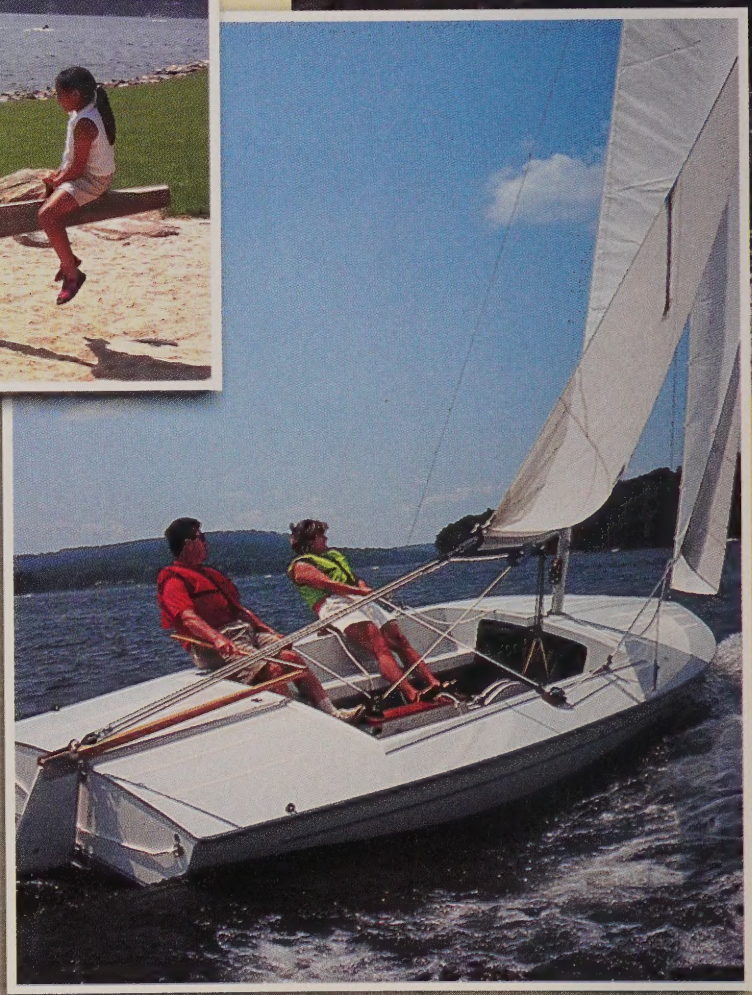

At a half-mile high elevation, we're typically 10-15 degrees cooler than the surrounding cities, and our evening temperatures are normally in the 60's to low 70's with little or no humidity.

Our biggest summer attraction, Deep Creek Lake, spans 12 miles in length, has 65 miles of shoreline and 3,900 acres of surface area.

One of the most appealing features of the lake is being able to reach area attractions by boat. Many lakefront accommodations have dock space included. Just bring your own watercraft,

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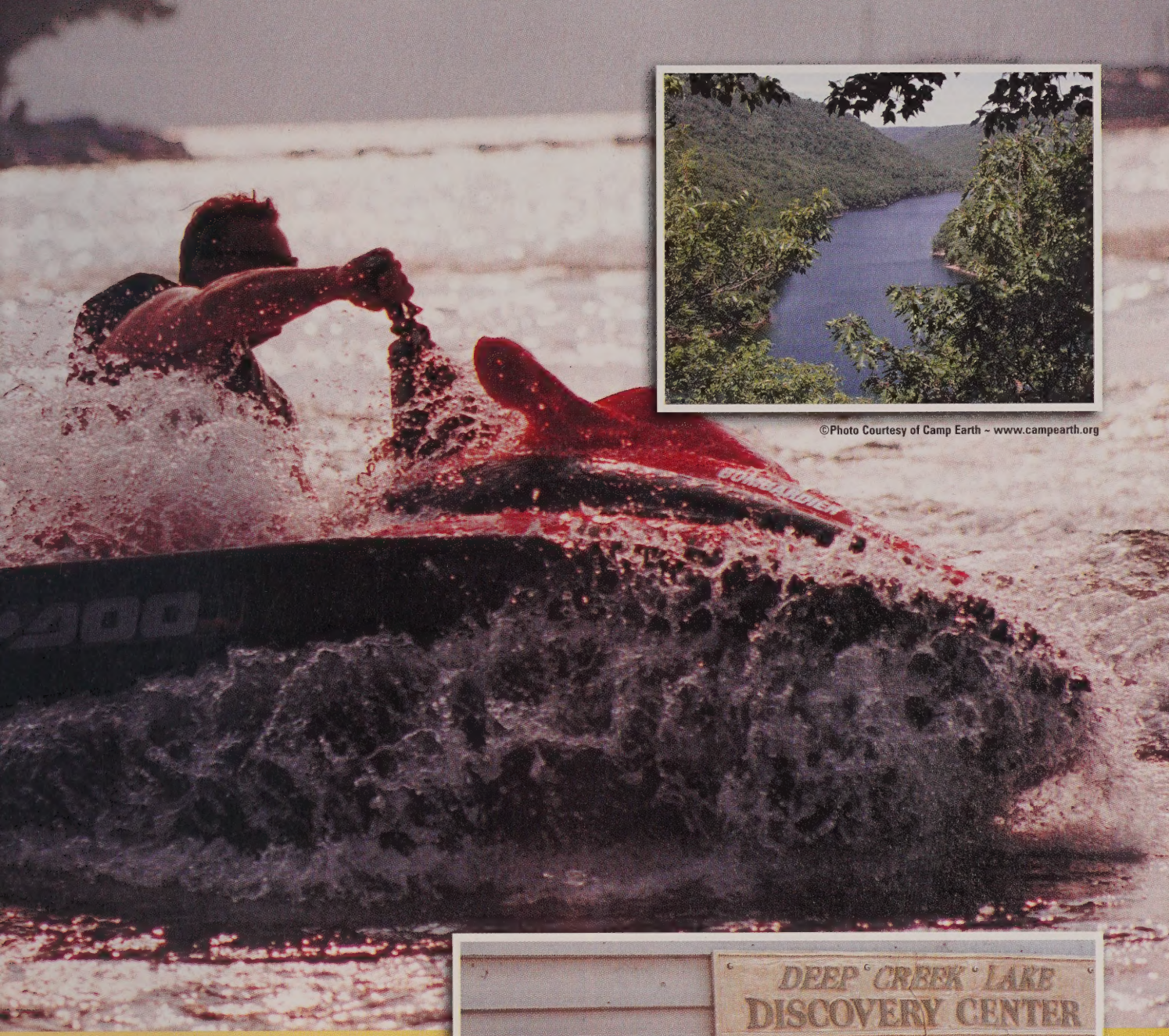

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or rent one locally, and you can cruise to all kinds of recreational destinations.

Options include visiting the state park beach and Discovery Center, picking up some souvenirs at the local shops, catching a movie at Garrett 8 Cinemas, dining at a number of waterfront restaurants, and sampling the country's #1 rated vanilla ice cream at Lakeside Creamery. Ask for your *Travel by Boat* brochure at the Visitors Center for a full listing.

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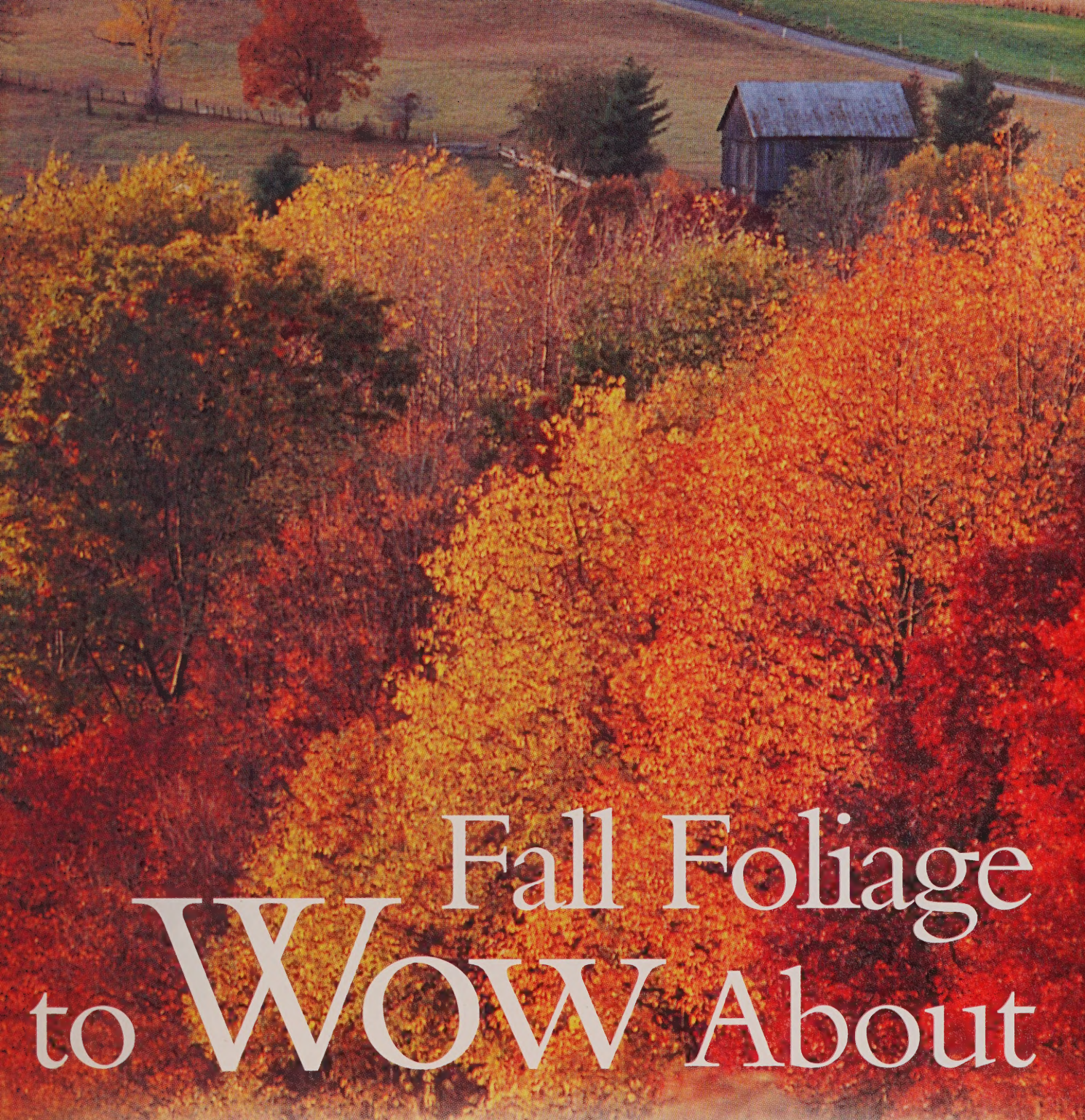

Fall Foliage to WOW About

Much of the Deep Creek Lake Area is forested with an abundance of oak and maple trees. This becomes dramatically clear in early to mid September as our foliage transitions into fiery shades of red, yellow and orange. Having the highest elevation in Maryland, we're always the first to show our colors. During the peak of beauty, a five-day festival is held featuring parades, craft shows, Maryland's "official" banjo and fiddle championships, an Octoberfest, a tall tale contest, concerts and so much more. Scheduled for October 9-13, 2002, the 35th Annual Autumn Glory Festival is expected to again draw over 60,000 participants. If you plan to attend, accommodation reservations must be made early to avoid disappointment.

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Let it Snow

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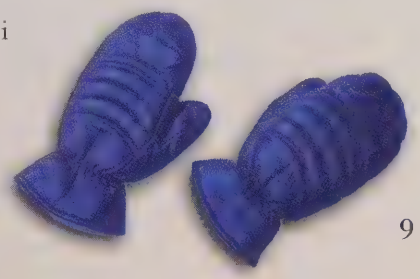
Jack Frost usually starts blowing snow our way in mid to late November. Although we receive an average of 97 inches a year—more snow than Anchorage, Alaska—area plows are always on standby and our roads are cleared quickly. County leaders recognize the importance of tourism to the Deep Creek Lake Area and do an extraordinary job of keeping our roadways safe year-round.

The slopes at Wisp Ski Resort are traditionally open on or before Thanksgiving. If Mother Nature is not cooperative, snowmaking equipment can cover 90 percent of the mountain with man-made snow. There are well-maintained cross country ski trails at Herrington Manor and New Germany State Parks. In addition, the Savage River Lodge offers trails at its facility in the center of Savage River State Forest. All locations offer onsite equipment rentals. Ski conditions are updated online daily at www.-garrettchamber.com.



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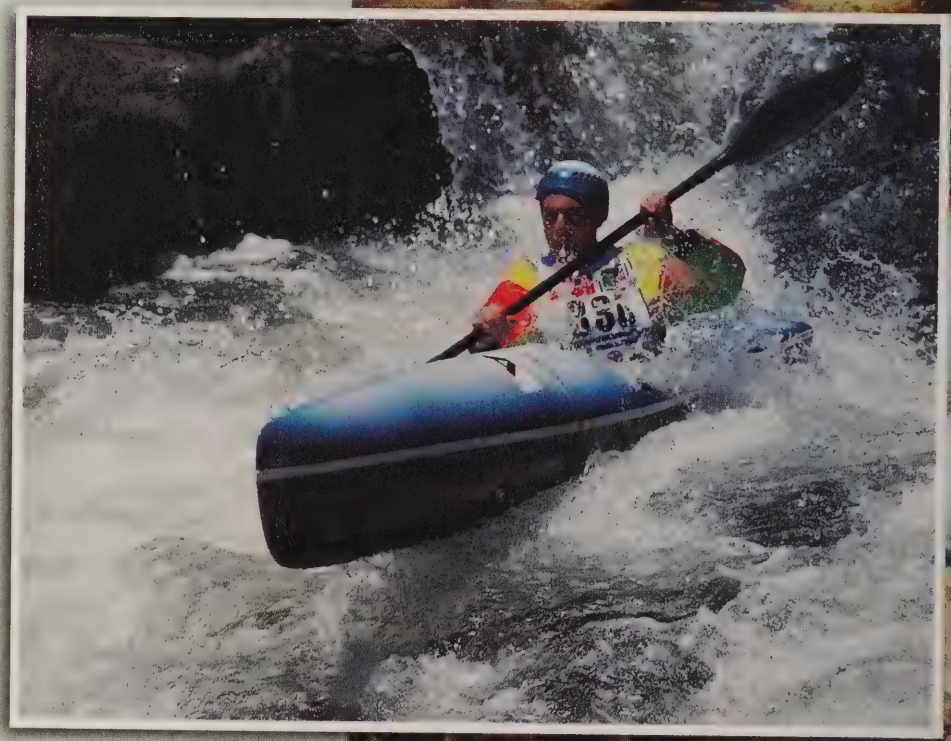
As the snow melts away and wild flowers emerge, the fresh spring air is filled with excitement in the mountains. Poetic beginnings are here as doe emerge with their curious fawn and wintering birds return, adding song to each early morning sunrise. This is the best time of the year for a getaway with that someone special in your life. Choose to be pampered at a bed & breakfast or rent a secluded home with glowing embers in your stone fireplace and a bubbling outdoor hot tub. For adventure enthusiasts, ride our class five whitewater river, see how relaxing fly-fishing can be with a lesson, or take a trek on our forest logging roads with an ATV. To antiquing enthusiasts, we are considered a "hot spot" for unusual items, interesting shops and great prices. A guide to our best antiquing locations is waiting for you at our Visitors Center.



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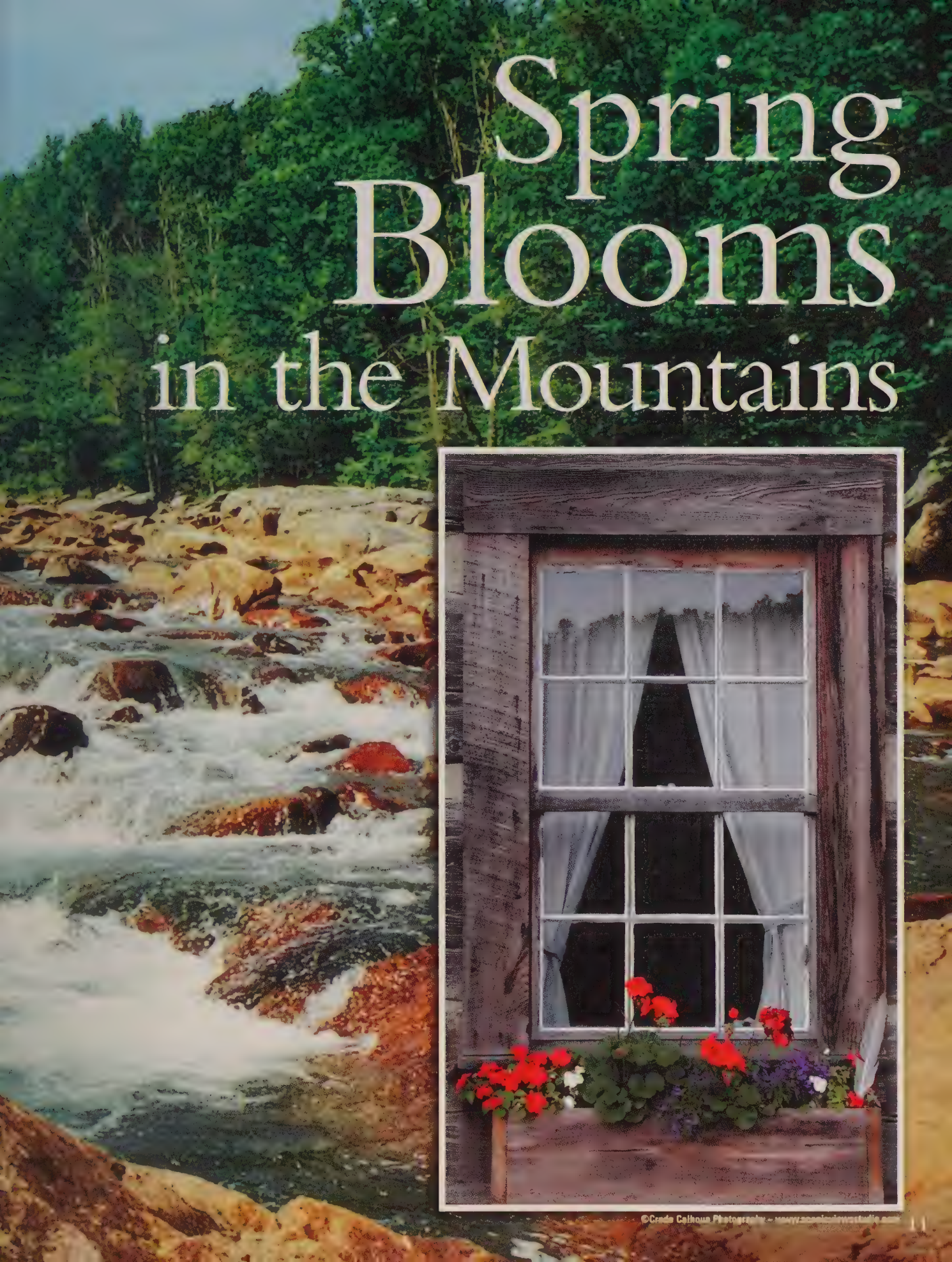
Spring Blooms in the Mountains



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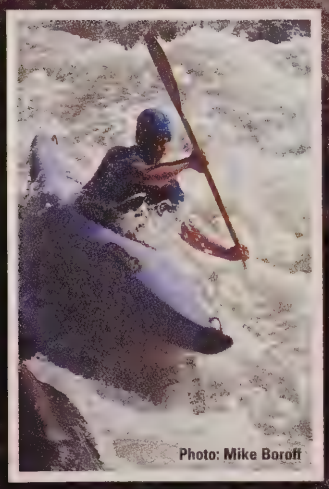
Activities for Everyone



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Muddy Creek Falls, Maryland's tallest waterfall, is our second most popular attraction, but our recreational oasis also has seven lakes, 90,000 acres of publicly owned parklands, Maryland's only alpine ski resort, the best fly-fishing this side of the Rocky Mountains, and an eclectic collection of specialty shops and adventure outings for all interests. Travelers are in for an exciting getaway any time of year. We suggest that you begin your vacation by dropping into the Garrett County Visitors Center on Route 219 in McHenry, where you will find an abundance of information on area attractions. You can also enjoy a scenic view of the Wisp ski slopes. As your official source for tourism information, we're here to help.

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The Fun Continues All Year Long

A Calendar of Events Preview

No matter which season you visit, there are exciting activities waiting for you in the Deep Creek Lake Area. Here's a sampling, but be sure to go online at www.garrettchamber.com for a comprehensive listing or call the Chamber of Commerce for the most recent semi-annual *Calendar of Events* brochure.

Spring

There's no better time for great seasonal values and fun family outings, such as nature themed events offered by the Deep Creek Lake Discovery Center and the state parks.

March 9, 2002

"Sap to Syrup" Maple Syrup Demonstration –

How sweet it is! Watch as we boil maple sap from park trees into maple syrup.

May 11, 2002

Western MD Blues and Brews Fest –

Sample 30 different microbrews at this country barbeque and clambake, while listening to some fabulous blues music. Benefits the Deep Creek Lake Volunteer Fire Department.

Photo: Julie Frazee

June 1, 2002

McHenry Highland Festival –

Come out and celebrate Scottish traditions with Scottish country dancers, sheepdog demonstrations, athletic competitions and more!

Summer

During the summer season, warmer weather brings lots of exciting events to Garrett County's Deep Creek Lake Area.

Ongoing Summer Music Events –

The community offers numerous opportunities to hear great music from the Little Yough Summer Music Festival Series, the Penn Alps Music Series, the 38th Annual Friendsville Fiddle & Banjo Contest, and the Garrett Lakes Arts Festival performances.

Photo: Ken Wishnick

July 4, 2002

Fire on the Mountain Fireworks Display –

Watch the sky over Deep Creek Lake light up with color as we celebrate our nation's independence.

Photo: Julie Frazee

For event information & details, visit www.garrettchamber.com or call 301-387-4FUN.

Antique & Country Fair Events –

Beginning in July, there are plenty of opportunities to wander and shop, such as the Mennonite sponsored Tri-State Relief Sale, the Antiques and Collectibles Show, the Garrett County Fair, and the Country Fest and Quilt Auction.

Photo: Christian Albright

Fall

Breathtaking fall foliage is one of the first signs that celebrations and festivals are right around the corner.

October 5-6, 2002

Fall Color Hayrides –

Giddy up! Come enjoy a real, old-fashioned hayride through scenic Herrington Manor State Park & the surrounding forest.

Photo: Julie Frazee

October 9-13, 2002

35th Annual Autumn Glory Festival –

Photo: Thomas Eichhorn

Over 30 events during five days of celebration! Here are just a few of the great attractions: Coronation Ball, Maryland State Banjo & Fiddle Championships, Grand Feature and Fireman's Parades, No-hands Sundae Eating Contest, Tall Tales Festival, and the Craft Show & Sale. Festival events are held throughout Garrett County with a concentration in Oakland.

Winter

With freshly fallen snow, there are plenty of activities to warm your heart when Jack Frost is nipping at your nose!

Photo: Julie Frazee

Early December, 2002

Christmas on Main Street –

Many Garrett County towns celebrate the season with old-fashioned community gatherings, which include lightings of town trees, Christmas carolers, and seasonal food & drink.

Winter Sports Events –

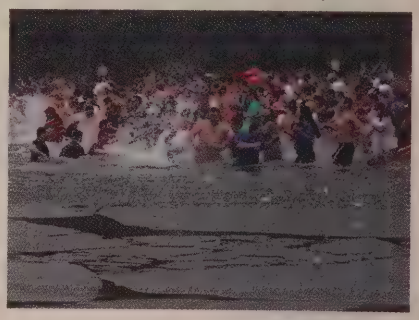
As snow accumulation grows, so does the number of competitors in our area. Show off your skills at the Kick & Glide Cross-Country Ski Race or the "Big Air" Snowboard Competition Series, or show your support for the Maryland Special Olympics Winter Games at Wisp Resort.

Photo: Julie Frazee

February 23, 2002

Maryland State Police 3rd Annual Deep Creek Dunk –

Join hundreds of wacky dunkers as they brave the icy waters of Deep Creek Lake in support of Maryland's Special Olympics athletes. A community, lakefront party precedes the noon event, with vender booths & live entertainment.



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Quiet Seclusion

When the leaves are gone, and old man winter has yet to take center stage, the peaceful isolation of our mountains will renew your spirits. Some come for a quiet, romantic getaway, others to fly-fish in a remote stretch of one of our four rivers. This time of the year also offers a fun way to take a break in your busy life and avoid the crowds, as you acquire locally made crafts for your holiday gift needs. If you're looking for name brand stores, you will find a handful, but the mainstay of our retail is small, independently owned, "mom and pop" stores. We also boast large Amish and Mennonite populations offering quality quilts and other handmade items as well as yummy baked goods. A guide to specialty shopping is available at the Visitors Center.

Photo: Kimberly Scott-Carl

Winter in the Mountains

There's something special about winter in the Deep Creek Lake Area. Maybe it's the romantic charm of our snow covered mountains and valleys. Or is it the hushed quiet of a star-filled night sky, giving meaning to the cliché "the silence was deafening?" While we may not be able to fully describe the emotional attachment visitors feel after a winter visit here, one fact remains clear: everyone leaves inspired with a new sense of energy to meet life's challenges.

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Standing at an elevation of half a mile, Garrett County boasts a mountain climate unlike any other in Maryland. We average 97 inches of snow per year, with some winters seeing accumulations surpass two hundred inches! If you enjoy winter sports, this is the place.

The area's biggest winter attraction, Wisp Ski Resort, not only takes advantage of our abundant natural snowfall, but also employs highly skilled snowmaking personnel that manage some of the most technologically advanced equipment in the industry. Wisp can cover 90 percent of its trails with man-made snow, using Deep Creek Lake as its water source. To enthusiasts, this means an extended ski season that is usually operational from before Thanksgiving through the end of March! Fourteen miles of trails are stretched over 100 acres, and the mountain's elevation rises to 3,080 feet, with an exhilarating 610-foot vertical drop. Five chairlifts and two surface tows, capable of transporting 9,120 skiers per hour, ensure that skiers will enjoy more runs in less time. From the Visitors Center on Route 219, there's a great view of the slopes and guests sometimes watch in amazement as snowboarders literally fly over the half pipe area.

Photo: Randy Ruhl

The big news at Wisp is their new Bear Claw Snow Tubing Park. This is just plain fun with no special skills required. There are six wide tubing lanes bordered by snow walls. The basic concept is to sit in a tire-like tube and yell out your best "Ye-hah!" as you quickly slide downhill. To get back up, you just bring your tube to a rope pull, sit in it, and an attendant will connect you to the lift. This sure beats climbing up the hill yourself! Snowmaking equipment is also used here, so Mother Nature gets a little help in making sure the fun lasts all winter. Tickets are sold for two hour sessions, which is usually long enough, even for teenagers.

Wisp maintains a large rental inventory of skis, snowboards, and other snow toys. Rentals are also available at High Mountain Sports Rental Center on Sang Run Road en route to the Resort.

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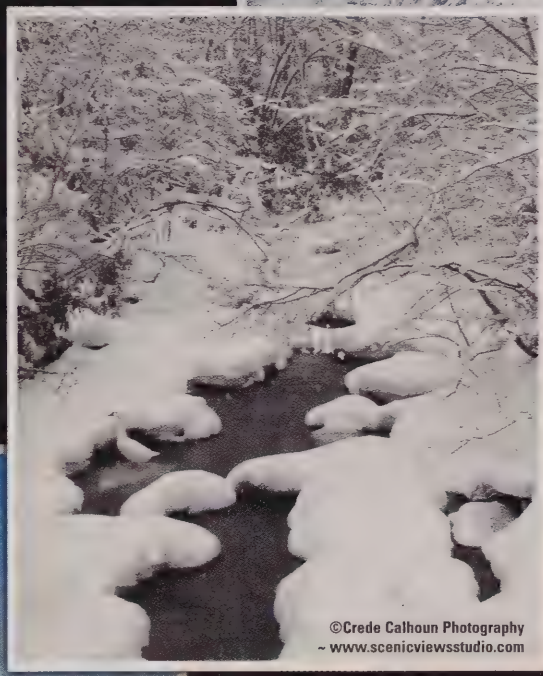

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Wisp also runs a certified ski school that offers private and group lessons at the resort. A quick tip for visitors: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays are usually the best times to ski at Wisp since there are fewer skiers and shorter lines at the lifts. If your job gives you the flexibility to get away during mid-week, this is a great place to be!

Photo: Randy Ruhl

If you prefer cross-country skiing, there are many options, including Herrington Manor State Park and New Germany State Park. In addition, try the trails at Savage River Lodge, which is located within the Savage River State Forest. Lessons, clinics and onsite rentals are available at all three locations. Cross-country skis can also be rented at Deep Creek Outfitters. More information and an update of daily conditions can be obtained on the Internet at www.skimaryland.com, along with a calendar of events that lists cross-country ski clinics and other programs of interest.

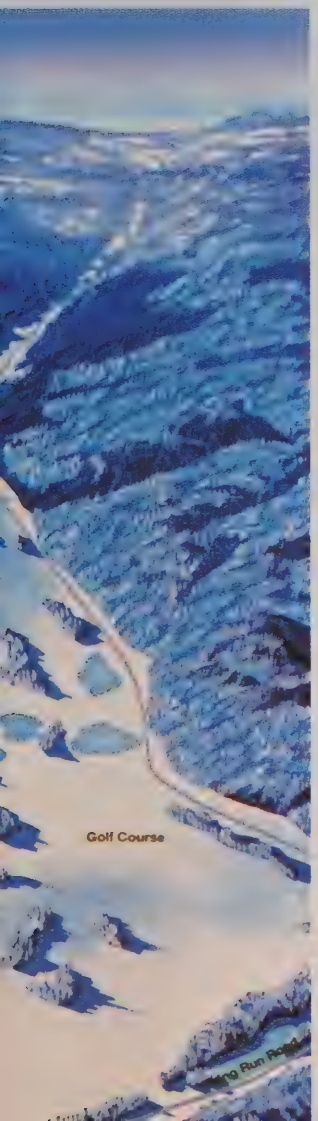
During winter, when Deep Creek Lake freezes over, the ice fishermen begin to emerge. Some are content to drill a hole and silently fish all day. Others will bring out a "shanty," invite some friends over and create an all-day party. Much of the traditional fishing knowledge applies to ice fishing as well. The best times to fish are early morning and late afternoon—the prime feeding times.

Overcast days are often more productive than sunny days and noise will automatically scare fish away from any hole (guess you've got to choose between partying and serious fishing). Newcomers to ice fishing are often pleasantly surprised to find that fish caught during the winter taste much better than those caught other times of the year. Drilling augers can be rented from Deep Creek Outfitters in McHenry.

Now, try to imagine the unthinkable. Picture a frozen lake with outdoor temperatures cold enough to make hugging your former spouse a viable option. Now envision hundreds of people, wearing just bathing suits, running into the frigid pool of water where the ice has been chipped away! Yep, people actually do this to raise funds for the Maryland Special Olympics. Last year over $60,000 was pledged and participants traveled here from all over Maryland for this unique Garrett County event. Come see for yourself, or even participate on Saturday, February 22, 2003 behind Uno's Chicago Grill at 12 noon, snow or shine. Psychiatric exam not required.

With 90,000 acres of public parks and forests, the opportunities to experience the beauty and isolation of fresh snow-covered woodlands is almost endless. You can bundle up for a horse drawn sleigh ride in Herrington Manor State Park or Deep Creek Lake State Park. This is a great family experience. Imagine being silently drawn down a wooded path lined by pine trees clad with several inches of fresh powder. Your smiling companions are all dressed in colorful coats, scarves and ski hats when one brave soul starts singing "jingle bells" and everyone joins in! It's a memory that will last a lifetime!

A more active way to enjoy this winter wonderland is to rent a pair of snowshoes and trek along one of our marked trails, or even venture off on your own. It is a truly refreshing experience to lay the first tracks in deep snow. Sure, it's a little harder than just walking on level ground, but not much. Watch the wildlife, take in the clean mountain air, and enjoy the pastoral winter vistas. These are images that will always be with you so you can call upon them whenever urban stress starts to wear you down. Snowshoe rentals are available at Wisp, the Deep Creek Lake Discovery Center, Herrington Manor State Park, and High Mountain Sports.



An awesome winter spectacle that few visitors take the time to enjoy is Muddy Creek Falls, in Swallow Falls State Park. This is Maryland's highest waterfall, and it freezes over in winter creating a natural beauty that is breathtaking. Getting to the falls requires about a quarter mile hike through an old growth hemlock and white pine forest. For those that are more adventurous, there is another route that loops around to Swallow Falls. The scenery of this one and a half mile walk is well worth the effort. When arriving at Muddy Creek Falls, don't be surprised if you see ice climbers. Garrett Community College offers a degree program in Adventure Sports, and climbing the frozen falls is part of their curriculum.

Photo: Patrick Forrester

Not everyone who comes to Garrett County is looking for outdoor adventure. Some find pleasure indoors, reading a book in a comfy rocking chair by a toasty stone fireplace or gazing out at inspiring scenery from a sunny picture window. For those romantically inclined, there are 12 outstanding bed and breakfast establishments in the area and no two are alike. Another option is a private vacation home rental, with more than 600 to choose from. Many have decks with very private hot tubs, offering the kind of intimacy that comes with staying in an isolated luxury home far away from urban madness. Traditional and condo hotels/motels round out accommodation offerings. The Chamber of Commerce provides additional accommodations descriptions and links on its web site at www.garrettchamber.com.

Romantic Escapes

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"Beep, beep, beep, beep…" the alarm goes off, morning coffee, jump in the shower, battle traffic, long day at the office, battle more traffic, go to sleep, and the vicious cycle starts all over again. At some point I'll get to talk to my husband, but do I get to spend much time with him? …Ah, not exactly.

So on one Friday morning in November, we drank our morning coffee and then battled our way out of our local metropolitan traffic and into the Deep Creek Lake Area of Western Maryland. Our hope was to stop the stressful cycle for a few days, at least.

Our secluded cabin, with a fireplace and hot tub, was nestled in a wooded area near the lake. Although the area offers numerous bed and breakfasts and hotels, we decided that a charming, two-bedroom cabin would be perfect for our escape.

After settling in our cabin we decided to stretch our legs, and strolled along the blue lake as small waves lapped the shore. It wasn't long before the relaxing surroundings started to chip away at the stresses we unwittingly carried with us. It was an unseasonably warm day, but still cool enough that we had to bundle up a little to enjoy a serene picnic lunch. My husband struggled to stay awake as I chatted about our life and upcoming commitments. I hadn't seen him this relaxed in quite a while. It was a nice change, even though I found myself repeating sentences a few times.

Following a catnap in the sand, we rented bikes and took in the mountain vistas, Amish farmlands, and fast-running streams. Making our way back to our cabin, we both admitted to being pleasantly tired after a day that didn't involve answering a telephone call, attending a corporate meeting, or looking at a computer screen.

That evening we enjoyed a nice, leisurely dinner overlooking the darkened lake and later snuggled alongside a roaring fire. The evening was perfect, just the two of us. We held up our glasses of wine and toasted to renewing our spirits, at least once a year, in our new secret hideaway.

Great Values for the Budget Traveler

As fall fades into winter and winter melts into spring, great deals on accommodations can turn an already affordable trip to the Deep Creek Lake Area into a true bargain.

The off-season means the crowds have started to thin out and rental homes, bed & breakfasts and hotels are offering substantial savings to visitors—in some cases nearly half the peak season price. This makes a long weekend getaway, a family reunion, or a business retreat a very economical venture.

There are all sorts of accommodations to choose from: charming lakefront cottages, cozy little chalets, rustic log cabins, deluxe luxury homes and modern town homes. It's a quieter time, but there are still plenty of activities to do, so whether you want to be lakeside or tucked away in the forest, off-season in Garrett County is a great excuse to pack up and escape to the mountains.

Seasonal Pricing Guide– Check with a local accommodation or rental office for actual rates.

$ – Off Season
$$ – Shoulder Season
$$$ – Winter Season
$$$$ – Peak Season

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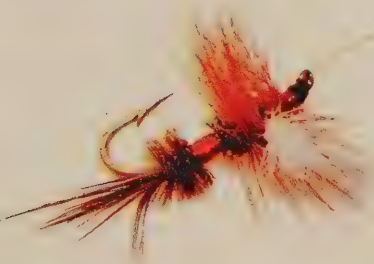
The Lure of the Fly



My husband wanted me to learn how to fly-fish. "It will be something we can do together," he stated after signing me up for a lesson. When I asked him why we couldn't view shopping as a shared experience, he just laughed. As I got out of the car and followed him down the trail to the river, I had a nagging feeling that I was leaving something behind. But after double-checking my vest pockets and waist pack, I couldn't imagine what it might have been.

In moments we came to the Youghiogheny River—the first in Maryland to receive an official "Wild and Scenic" designation. A waterway with many faces, this unique, north-flowing river is host to world-class rapids for whitewater boating, yet this particular stretch, below Hoyes Run, is a quiet fly-fishing haven. Cold, fertile water released from the Deep Creek Lake hydroelectric station favors the large number of brown and rainbow trout released there as fingerlings. Our fly-fishing guide informed

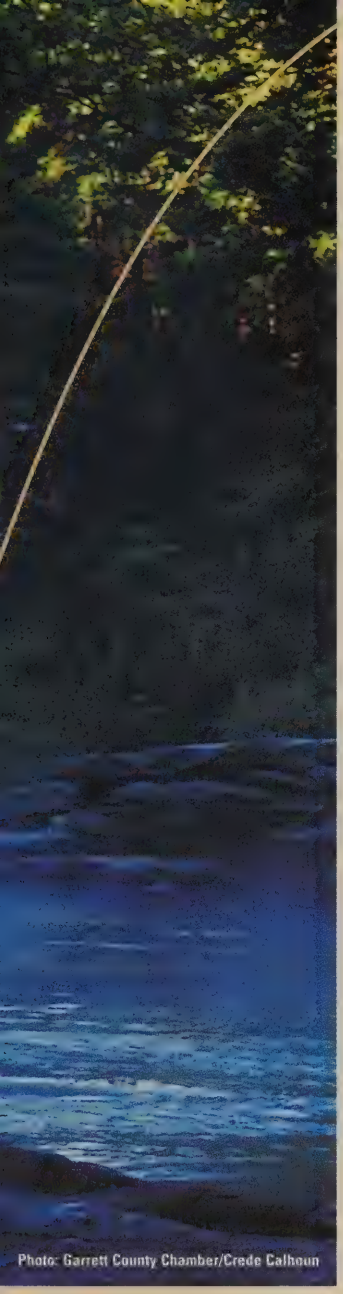


Photo: Garrett County Chamber/Crede Calhoun

us that the trail we were walking along was, in 1942, a bed for a logging railroad. Nature has almost completely reclaimed the area.

Our guide had chosen a magnificent location for us. Delicate mist still swirled on the shady side of the river as an early September sun crept over the mountain's ridge. The morning's tranquility was interrupted only by the sound of moving water and the sight of cedar waxwings twisting in flight above the shallow water. My husband staked out his area, just a bit downstream from where my instructor and I were standing. This allowed him to fish the river and keep an eye on my progress at the same time. Carefully and quietly, I approached the low, clear waters of the Youghiogheny and tried to mimic the stealthy movements I had been taught. Entering the shaded water, I crouched just a bit and moved very slowly.

As I left the river's edge behind, I realized I was holding my breath hoping the wary trout would not notice me. Until this morning, I had no idea that although trout have a very small "blind spot," above a certain angle they can see everything above the water too. This included my sudden movements trying to regain balance after slipping off one of the rounded cobbles that make up the riverbed. It seemed every third step I made was as furtive as a water buffalo's, but boy, I was determined to get this new way of walking. I had no idea so many little skills had to be mastered in this game.

Feeling a little anxious yet peaceful at the same time, I tied a burnt orange Autumn Sedge to the end of my leader and crept into position to cast. While pulling my polarized glasses down from my forehead to the bridge of my nose, a large trout jumped almost two feet out of the river, and fell with a splash. "Drats," I thought, we've been spotted and now he's going to alert all of his neighbors. Nonetheless, the wary rainbows that lingered upstream continued sipping quietly from the surface. They seemed determined to continue, but still very suspicious of my movements.

I spied a small group of larger rocks, where a deeper pocket of water had formed. Tiny aquatic insects danced on the surface, which also explained why those fish had picked this spot. I straightened myself up and held my line, readying for the cast. Drawing my rod back with a quick flip at the end I'd cast my line back in a high arc. After a brief pause I tried to move forward again but I'd caught the tip of the lone leafy branch extending out over the water from the bank behind me. It took a few tries, but with considerable splash of my own, I finally dropped the line into the pocket that held the feeding trout. Some may have hung around, I don't know, but feeding at the surface immediately ceased. At once I understood the frustration and elation of fly-fishing.

When I complained to my instructor that I hadn't even gotten a nibble for my efforts, he replied, "Trout have a way of keeping us humble." I had to agree. I completely lacked the finesse I needed and realized that I wasn't worthy of catching a fish just yet. But after some more practice, a change of patterns, and a move to a new location, I actually put the pieces together and earned my first trout on a fly! It was just a small one,

Fly-fishing Resources

A.J.'s Streamside Services – 301-387-6118

Outdoor Adventures Unlimited – 301-334-1266
www.deepcreektimes.com/adventures

Spring Creek Outfitters – 301-387-2034
www.springcreekoutfitter.com

Streams & Dreams – 301-3 TROUT-1
www.streams-and-dreams.net

Spring Creek Outfitters – 301-387-2034
www.springcreekoutfitter.com

maybe ten inches long, but its patterns and colors were incredibly delicate and provided more than enough encouragement and reward.

The sport of fly-fishing has a large and loyal following for a variety of reasons. The challenge, the focus, the peacefulness and the scenery are only a few of the aspects that draw people all over the world into fly-fishing. In Garrett County, the wildlife is also part of the attraction, with sightings of osprey, deer, bobcat, otter and even the occasional bear. Luckily for me, no bears made an appearance while I was out.

When I asked my instructor what attracted him to fly-fishing, a sport he seemed to have a deep passion for, he admitted that it wasn't the challenge of fooling or playing a fish, catching large numbers of fish, or even the occasional prize catch.

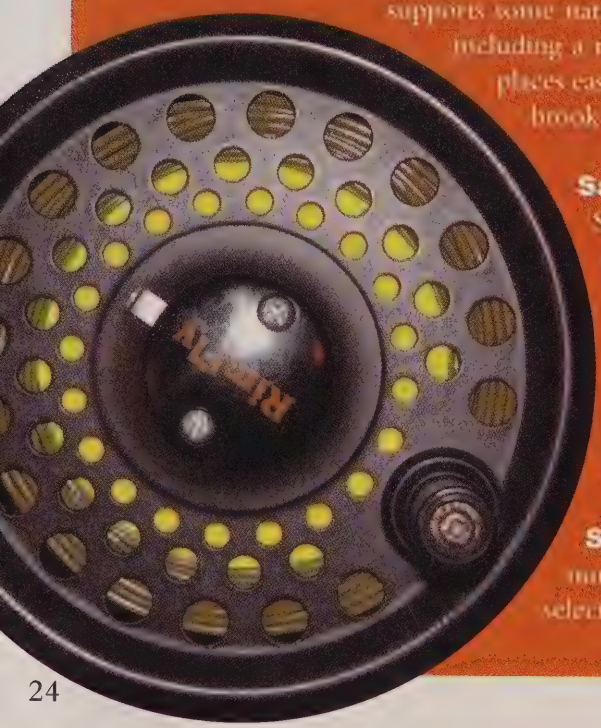
"Over my years spent along streams, I've come full circle. Today I fly-fish simply as the most pleasant way to reveal these living jewels," remarked Don Hershfeld, the host at 'Streams & Dreams' Retreat. "Trout, more than any other fish, really fascinated me as a child. Now, by teaching others the lessons I've learned, I get to experience all their elegance and elusiveness afresh. Sharing these things is what draws me back again and again. You see my client is not the only one to benefit."

As the sun rose higher and the air began to warm on this Indian Summer's day, I was disappointed when it was finally time to head back to the car and part ways. As my husband and I made our way back up the path, I looked over the river and its deceiving simplicity. There was so much to learn about the water, the fish, the insects, and the techniques. Opening the car door, my cell phone was ringing and there were four messages already waiting for me. It was only then that I realized what I'd left behind when starting out for my first morning of fly-fishing–the world, with all of its demands and its stresses. I could tell I was hooked already, and I was looking forward to getting back to the river.

Other Garrett County Fly-fishing Destinations

The Casselman River – Featured on ESPN's Fly-fishing America, the Casselman River is a manageable sized river for those starting out in the sport. It flows through pristine farmlands and forests and its banks, in the spring are adorned with wildflowers and various fauna. Under catch and release regulations from October 1st through June 15, 12" to 14" and sometimes much larger rainbow and brown trout flourish.

North Branch of the Potomac River - This river has been saved from almost a century's worth of coalmine pollution by the Department of Natural Resource's Freshwater Fisheries Division and numerous other organizations. Divided into two regions by the man-made Jennings Randolph Lake, this river is both heavily stocked and supports some natural reproduction. Many trout well over 20 inches have been taken, including a recent state record brown (over 18 pounds!). This is one of only two places east of the Mississippi were you might also catch a cutthroat, rainbow and brook trout in a single day, thus offering a rare 'Grand Slam!'



Savage River – Making its way through the enormous 50,000 acre Savage River State Forest, many of the Savage River's tributaries flow from icy mountain springs. This cold water supports a thriving strain of brook trout. Unaltered by breeding techniques, these trout are believed to have the same genetic makeup as their ancestors had thousands of years ago. And below the dam, an abundance of insects, such as overlapping hatches of caddis and mayflies, allow the trout to be very discriminating in feeding which provides quite a challenge even for the most experienced fly-fishing enthusiast.

Spring Creeks – Garrett County's various lakes & rivers are fed by numerous spring creeks. Our local guides will be happy to assist you in selecting the perfect one.

The Traveling Titans

Photos Courtesy of the Garrett County Historical Society

Henry Ford, Thomas Edison, President Harding, and Harvey Firestone relaxing at their campsite near Muddy Creek Falls. Inset - Ford washing his clothes in Muddy Creek

The hush of the virgin hemlock forest near Muddy Creek Falls offers a place of reflection and renewal. In the early 1900s, titans of industry Henry Ford, automotive pioneer; Thomas Edison, inventor and innovator in electricity and sound; and tire magnate Harvey Firestone would escape here, along with their companion, the renowned naturalist and poet John Burroughs. Within hearing distance of the thunderous falls, this group would set up camp and settle in to reconnect with the natural world.

Whimsically known as the "Vagabonds," they annually trekked into remote areas for two-week camping trips during the years between 1913 and 1924. Their destination, on more than one occasion, was in the area that is now Swallow Falls State Park. Today their campsite is marked for the benefit of visitors.

Stories abound in Garrett County of incidents and interactions with these great men during their sojourns here. One such tale has the foursome stopping in a general store at a crossroads in route to the falls. The legend has it that Ford went into a store and asked if there were any electric light bulbs available. The shopkeeper nodded and responded that he had Edison bulbs, prompting Ford to say, "What a coincidence. Mr. Edison himself is out here in the car." The shopkeeper reportedly raised an eyebrow of suspicion.

Returning to his caravan, Ford was asked to go back into the store and buy a spare tire, if one was available. The shopkeeper again complied with the customer's request and produced a Firestone tire. "Why this is really a coincidence, because Mr. Firestone is also in the car. And I may as well tell you, my name is Henry Ford."

The shopkeeper's look of concerned disbelief led Ford to invite him outside to meet his comrades, and as the two men approached the cars, the ruddy-complexioned, white-bearded John Burroughs strode toward them. Drawing back, the shopkeeper stated, "If you tell me this is Santa Claus I will hit you with this hammer." Or so the story goes.

Many other tales about visits by that famous quartet are stored in local archives. One recounts a conversation between a resident and Mrs. Ford in which the wife of the industrial giant explained that her husband enjoyed coming to Muddy Creek Falls because it allowed him to get away from civilization for a while. Camping in the serene wildness stood in stark contrast to the mechanized world in which he worked day-to-day.

Though visitors may no longer camp beside Muddy Creek, the same virgin hemlock still shades that grove encircled by rhododendron. The peace and tranquility of the area continue to offer the same solace to you today, as it did to the "Vagabonds" almost a century ago.

On the open road, tensions ease as the tangle of urban streets recedes in the rearview mirror. Clusters of homes give way to open fields, and farmland stretches to the rising hills. You are getting away for a while to refresh your spirits. You are "coming home" to Garrett County's Deep Creek Lake Area, where water, sky and mountains meet. A place where the family farm is not just a reflection of the past, but is a reality of today.

Farms, Barns, & Rural Heritage, a farm tour project developed by the Deep Creek Lake Area farming community along with the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce, makes it possible to visit working farms. This is a chance to reconnect with farming, a part of our nation's heritage that is a distant memory for some and a total mystery to others. Discover the art and science of coaxing plants from the soil, eggs from chickens, and milk from cows. Most importantly, you'll find a commitment to producing nutrient-rich foods for your family. Tour sites ranging from thousands of acres to much smaller alternative farming operations offer choices that will entertain and educate visitors of all ages and interests.

Visitors may find it surprising that the family dairy farm is now computerized for better quality control and monitoring of animal health. To learn more about this, be the guests of Jill and Terry Houser at their fourth generation Dell Ridge Dairy Farm. Though they have incorporated state-of-the-art farming methods, the Housers are an integral part of the traditional farming community. When they moved to their new Garrett County facilities last summer from nearby West Virginia, they decided to walk the herd over. Unknown to Jill and Terry, word circulated among their neighbors. The morning of the move, 53 farmers showed up lining the roadsides to help bring the herd safely home.

For hands-on animal lovers, you have a lot to look forward to. At Crimson Shamrock Alpacas, David Moran invites you to pet and groom his gentle, winsome Alpacas and Wensleydale sheep. These animals are bred for their fine fleece, which is spun into high quality wool. At Briar Patch Bunnies, Darlene and Ron Skidmore will let you feed, pet and hold the downy soft Angora bunnies, the Rex rabbit with short hair that feels like velvet as well as dozens of other bunnies of all sizes and breeds.

The craftsmanship of a 19th century barn can truly be appreciated at Bietschehof Farm (pronounced Beachy hof). The 1880's Dutch barn with its broad hand-hewn beams, houses llamas, goats, sheep and chickens on the lower level. Owners Bill and Jean Durst have created a program area on the upper level where they host quilting bees, barn dances, Gospel and blue grass music events, and catered dinner parties. Standing in this barn, it's easy to imagine hearing a square dance caller and the exuberant strains of a fiddle.

Photo: Julie Frazee

For a memorable time, you will want to stop by the Cove Run Farms Corn Maze. Dairy farmers Alice and Bob Bender planted seven acres (305,000 square feet) of corn and cut a crisscross of passageways with the help of a Global Positioning Satellite. This is a great place to lose your teenagers for a few hours. Little folks can enjoy pedal tractors and a hay bale maze, plus baby calves.

At Walnut Meadows, you will learn that ginseng does not originate in a capsule. Native to Garrett County, the ginseng plant is cultivated by Bill and Elsie Slagle. Its shiny green leaved-stalks, shaded by a canopy of trees sprout the blood-red berry cluster peculiar to ginseng. The Slagles export much of their high quality crop to China. Black walnuts and Shiitake mushrooms are among the other woods-grown crops on this unique farm.

Down on the Farm

Photo: Mike Bereff

Garrett County's first and only winery, Deep Creek Cellars, lets you glimpse the fine art of wine making. Owners Paul Roberts and Nadine Grabania invite you to relax in their intimate tasting room and sample their European-style country wines. They will explain sustainable growing methods and walk with you through their vineyards, surrounded by lush green hills extending to the horizon.

For the finest quality vegetables you'll want to visit a couple of farms on the tour. At Yoder's Tomato Place, Dan and Irene Yoder produce hydroponic tomatoes in a controlled greenhouse environment. The result is a flawless red fruit that is especially tasty and nutritious. Neighboring farmer, Paul Petersheim, invites you to his Mountain Valley Produce operation where endless rows of well-tended plants yield tasty vitamin rich vegetables to be eaten fresh or prepared for canning.

Though the season is short, you may be interested in visiting one of the maple syrup camps that still operate in Garrett County. At just the right time, before winter turns to spring, the sap begins to run in the sugar maples. The Steyer Brothers Maple Syrup Camp allows visitors to the see their operation and learn how this pancake companion is produced.

What's new in farming? Instructor Willie Lantz at the Alternative Agriculture Center at Garrett Community College will give you insights. There, you can see a large aquaculture tank where fish are raised for the commercial market. Alternative small meat animals are another specialty of the center along with hydroponic vegetables. Traditional and alternative farming methods are taught at GCC to prepare farmers for a productive future.

Touring farms in the Deep Creek Lake Area will entertain and educate people of ages. It is an activity that all family members can enjoy together.

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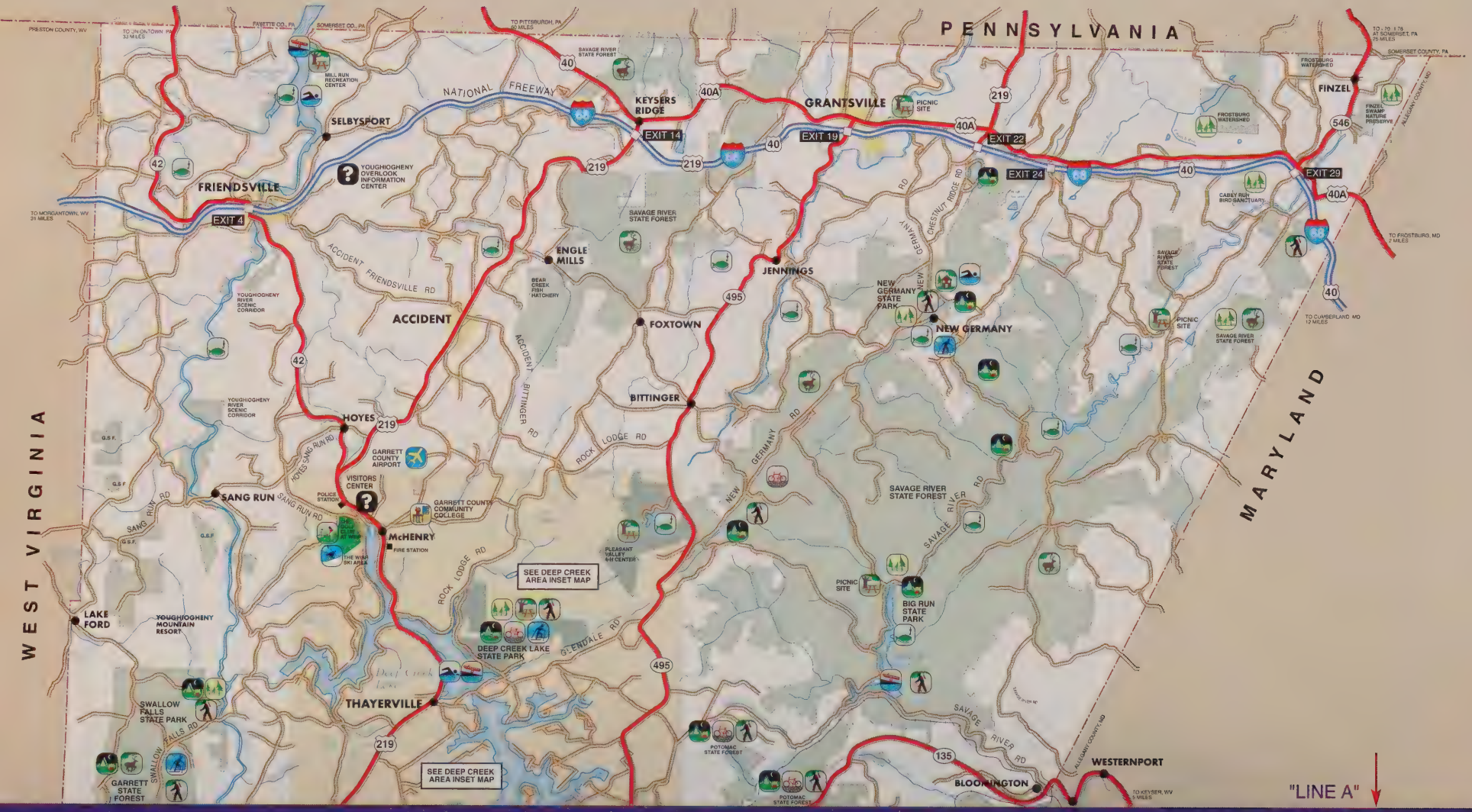

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Morgantown, WV	41 Miles	Winchester, VA	100 Miles

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- BOAT LAUNCH
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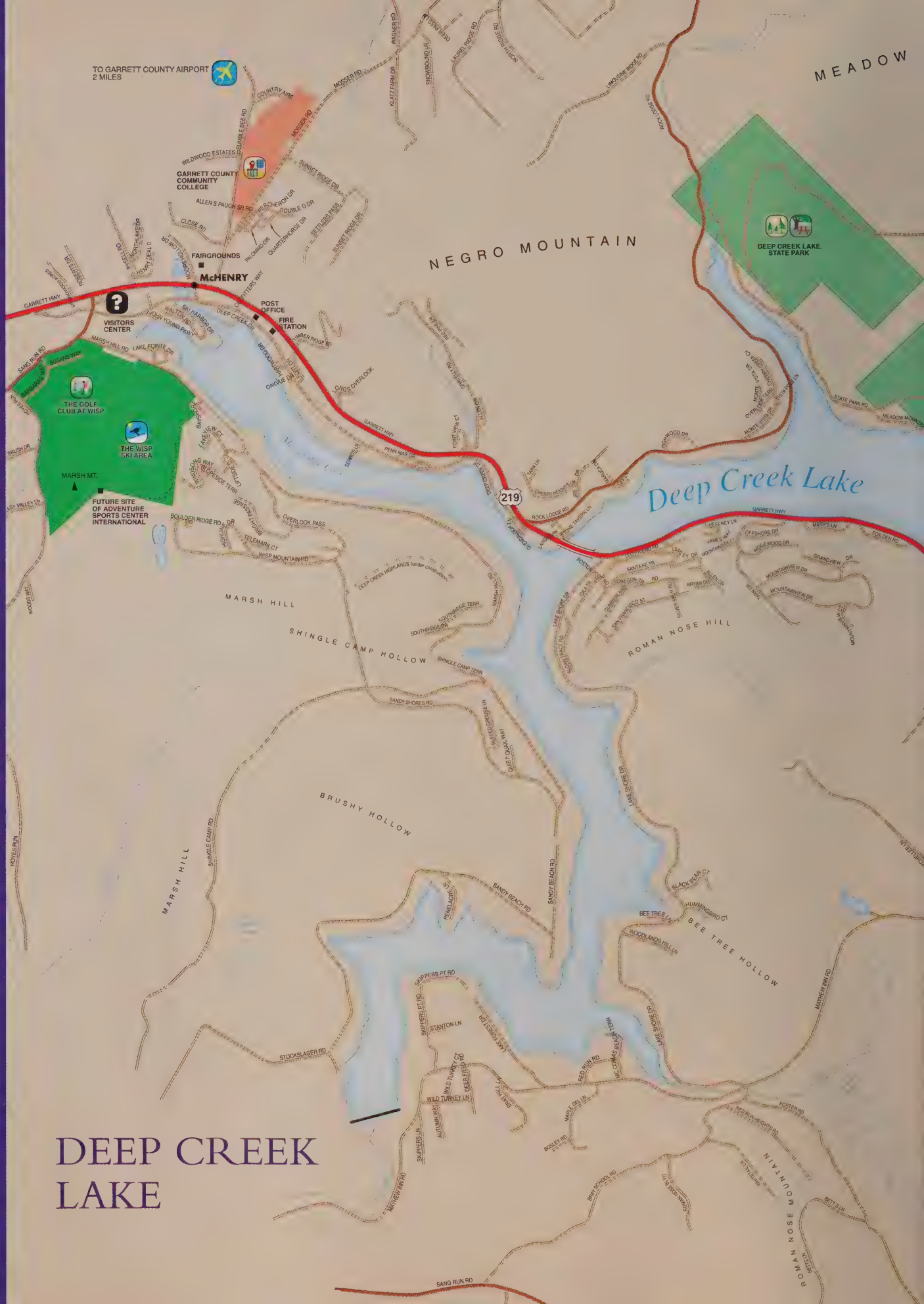

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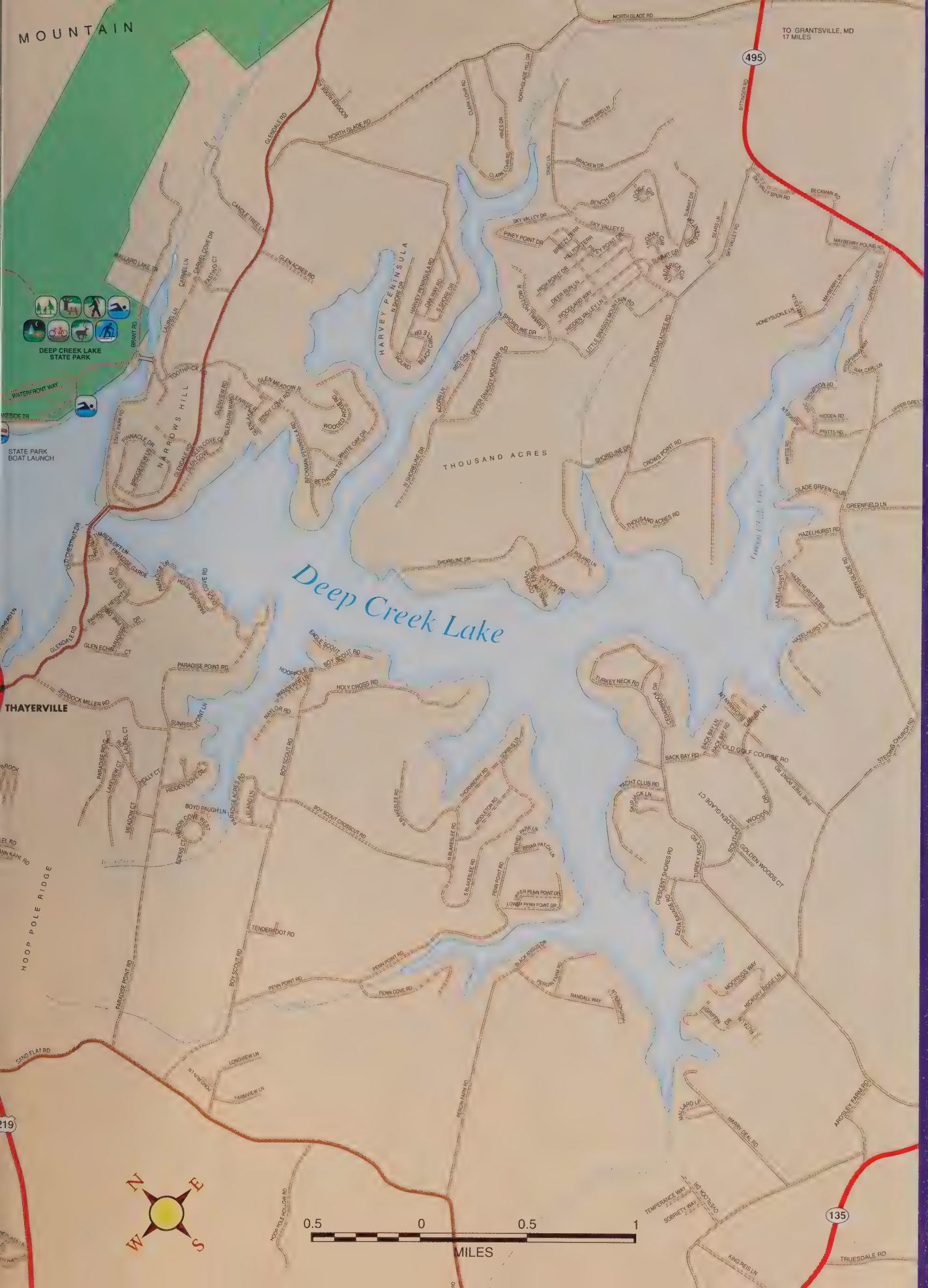
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Year 'Round Recreation

Activities for All Seasons

Arts & Entertainment

Entertainment at its finest is offered by local and touring artists at the Garrett Lakes Arts Festival at Deep Creek Lake, Little Yough River Music Festival, Our Town Theatre for the Performing Arts in Oakland and the Garrett County Arts Council. Programming includes Chautauqua, chamber music, Irish dance, ballet, barbershops, and numerous theatre productions. Entertainment is held each weekend throughout the summer season. For more information, and a full calendar of events, contact the Visitors Center at 301-387-4386, or visit www.garrettchamber.com.

Genealogy

Research local ancestry at the Ruth Enlow Libraries, Friend Family Museum, Garrett Historical Society and through Courthouse records.

ATV Trail Riding

Explore a tree covered trail through a beautiful heavy canopy of hardwoods.View a white-tailed deer and numerous small game while a fast brook tumbles through a gorge. These are only a few of the things you can do while on your ATV and it is all set in the mountains. There are 90 wonderful miles of trails through scenic Garrett County. Bring your own and go for the ride of your life or rent an ATV and go on a guided ride through beautiful forested trails with Western MD ATV Tours, 800-967-7738.

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Backpacking
(Also see Hiking)

Backpacking is permitted in Savage River, Potomac and Garrett State Forests. Note that a permit is required for overnight camping. Contact the State Forest offices for information. Please see pages 60-65.

Biking
(Also see Mountain Biking)

As a bicycle friendly area, Garrett County has hundreds of miles of beautiful rolling terrain for the beginner to intermediate cyclist. More challenging routes are also available for the experienced rider. Both CAM (Cycle Across Maryland) and the American Lung Association have provided 10, 25, 50, 75, and 100-mile tours for their participants during the summer and fall seasons. All routes are easily accessible to motels, bed and breakfasts, restaurants, and campsites. Garrett County is safe riding because the State Highway Administration has provided 10' shoulders on most of Routes 135, 219, and 40. They also broom clean these shoulders each spring. The cities of Oakland and Mountain Lake Park are both of historical interest and provide easy and leisurely rides.

County roads are rural and rolling, but always with a spectacular view of this landscape which is just west of the Eastern Continental Divide. Garrett County includes the confluence of waters that form the Potomac River flowing east to Washington, DC and the Atlantic Ocean while the Youghiogheny River flowing north and then west via the Monongahela into the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers and into the Gulf of Mexico. Most of our State Park trails share their use with hikers, cyclists, and snowmobiles. The Allegheny Trail Alliance (Pittsburgh, PA to Cumberland, MD) will be connecting to the C&O Canal Towpath into Washington, DC. Call 888-ATA-Bike for information.

The Chamber of Commerce can be contacted at 301-387-4FUN (4386) for additional information. A Garrett County trail guide can be found on the DNR website at http://www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/trailguide. Please remember to wear your helmet.

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Birding

Your heart pounds as you wait breathlessly! In the depth of the hemlock you hear a magical song. A suggestion of movement is evidence that your quarry will soon be visible. There! On the branch's end, in a small patch of sunlight perches the stunning black, white and yellow bird you've been stalking.

Birding is the fastest growing outdoor activity in the United States according to the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology. The lure of the hunt is powerful and the birds are gorgeous. They are everywhere, and the thrill of the chase is beyond compare. Garrett County has some extensive and exceptional birding hot spots. Because of our unique geographical location and topography, we have many northern and southern species nesting here. The wood warblers are especially sought after by birding enthusiasts. Spring and fall bring swarms of migrants since the seven local lakes are a stopover point for thousands of feeding migrating waterfowl, while the forests are filled with migrant songbirds. Garrett County is indeed a birders paradise. To receive more information, participate in birding programs or get the *Birds of Garrett County* brochure please contact the Garrett County Visitors Center.

Camping

Garrett County is a camper's paradise. Whether you prefer tent, trailer or primitive camping, you'll find just what you are looking for. Information on campgrounds, including State Parks and Forests can be found on pages 61-63. Additional information may be obtained from the Garrett County Visitors Center or by calling the office at 301-387-4FUN. You can also visit www.garrettchamber.com or email info@garrettchamber.com.

Some camping areas and parks will accept reservations and also permit pets. These pet friendly areas are included in the *Vacationing with Your Pet* brochure at the Visitors Center. Trailer hookups may also be available in privately owned campgrounds and some state parks. Primitive campers are invited to designated areas of Potomac and Garrett State Forests, 301-334-4157, and Savage River State Forest, 301-895-5759.

Caving

Garrett County is the home of Maryland's longest known cave. Experienced cavers are invited to explore with members of the local National Speleological Society grotto from Memorial Day to Labor Day if arrangements are made in advance. All cavers must have three sources of light, two of which are able to be helmet-mounted. Take nothing but pictures, leave nothing but footprints, kill nothing but time. Call 301-463-5881 or email: smeyer@hereintown.net for more information.

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Canoeing

Spring and fall are the best seasons for canoeing opportunities in Garrett County. River levels are usually up from either snowmelt or rainfall offering higher water levels for river and flat-water paddling.

The Youghiogheny, Casselman, Potomac and Savage Rivers offer a wide range of difficulty for the beginner to expert paddlers. In addition, scheduled dam releases from Deep Creek Lake provide up to Class V whitewater from April through October. Dam release schedules for the Yough can be obtained by calling 814-533-8911 or at www.garrettchamber.com. It is recommended to always know the difficulty of any river section you plan to paddle before your trip. Guide books for river information and 'put in' access for Garrett County are included in *Maryland and Delaware Canoe Trails* – Third Edition, Ed Gertler, *Appalachian White Water and the Central Mountains* - Volume II, and *Wild Water West Virginia* which are available at the rafting companies. (Please see ads on pages 47,49,51)

Garrett County offers seven flat-water lakes for paddling. The four smaller lakes that restrict motorized craft are in order of size

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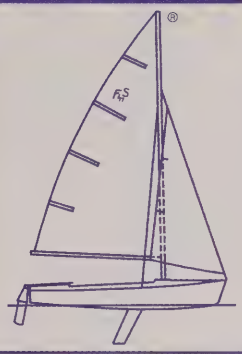

Flying Scot, Inc. is Deep Creek Lake's Sailing Headquarters as builders of the 19' Flying Scot daysailer. For information, call (301) 334-4848, or visit our shop on Cemetery Street in Deer Park, MD. You can also visit our web site at flyingscot.com.

HOURS: *8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday - Friday*
9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturdays

from the largest: Savage River Reservoir, Broadford, Herrington Manor and New Germany Lakes. Deep Creek Lake, Youghiogheny Dam and Jennings Randolph Lake permit powerboats and all types of water sports. In the summer months it is best to canoe in the early morning or evening hours. All seven of the lakes offer a great paddling adventure in the spring and fall.

Family Entertainment Centers

For family entertainment in the Deep Creek Lake Area, Funland offers The Climbing Wall, Water Wars, video arcade, go-carts, carousel, bumper cars, miniature golf, pizza, ice-cream, subs and more. The Fun Zone Family Entertainment Center offers a restaurant, two new go-cart tracks, a bumper boat pool, miniature golf, Lazer Tag, an arcade with Pokemon and virtual racing, batting cages and a free playground "ship." For more information, see the display advertisements in this guidebook.

Miniature Golf

There are three miniature golf courses at Deep Creek Lake. A&D Dairy Delite, Funland, and FunZone's Frontier Adventure Golf are all open seasonally. For more information, please see the display advertisements in this guidebook.

Horseback Riding

One of the most relaxing ways to get away from it all and enjoy the area's spectacular scenery is on horseback. Sunny Slopes Riding Stables near Deer Park and Western Trails Riding Stables near Deep Creek Lake both offer year-round guided trail rides by the hour or half-hour, with package rides available for both beginning and expert riders. Sleighrides, hayrides, overnight camping, and group rides are also available at some stables. See the display advertisements in this guidebook for further information.

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Winter Fun

Snow Sports

Wisp at Deep Creek Mountain Resort, is Maryland's only Alpine ski area. Rising to an elevation of 3,080 feet with a 610-foot vertical drop, Wisp offers a wide variety of terrains to suit both young and old from beginner to expert. Wisp boasts 22 trails covering 14 miles and 100 acres of skiing terrain, half pipe and terrain park. The lift system includes two triple and three double chair lifts plus two surface tows with uphill capacity of 9,120 skiers per hour. Night skiing is available over 90 percent of the trails. State of the art snowmaking can cover 90 percent of all trails with man-made snow when nature needs a little help. Specialized computerization and water pumping stations, coupled with the expertise of skilled snowmaking personnel, have earned Wisp the "best snowmaking in the east" reputation. Ski conditions are available online at www.skimaryland.com or www.skiwisp.com.

Wisp added Bear Claw Snow Tubing Park in 2001/2002. Snow tubing, America's fastest growing winter activity is the perfect family

we sell excitement year 'round

Excitement knows no season at Bill's Marine. Year 'round we are ready with the latest and best equipment—and a service department that will keep the grief out of your leisure-time excitement. At Deep Creek Lake for over 40 years, Bill's Marine has been the name you need to know! Visit our showroom on the lake and see for yourself!

The Name You Need to Know!

Bill's Marine Service, Inc.

sales@billsmarineservice.com 20721 Garrett Highway, Oakland, Md 21550 (301) 387-5536

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outdoor activity and is fun for all ages. The Bear Claw Tubing Park has seven lanes 15 ft. wide and 800 ft. long on a parcel of land that lies just below Boulder Run, one of the ski trails at Wisp. Two surface lifts pull snow tubes and riders up the hill. A necessity for a great tubing park is high quality snowmaking and grooming. Wisp has one of the most advanced snowmaking systems in the country with over 100 machines backed by a state of the art automated controls system. Two new grooming machines are being purchased and snowmaking crews will concentrate on having snow tubing open, along with white ski slopes for skiers and snowboarders, by late November.

There are no lessons needed or expensive equipment to buy. It has all the thrills of sledding, without the long hike back up the mountain. Two surface ropes carry tubers to the top of the six runs and guests ride the tubes to the bottom of hill.

Wisp Ski and Snowboard Adventures offer lessons for the beginner, intermediate, and advanced winter enthusiast. Group or private lessons are offered for conventional Alpine skiing or snowboarding. Traditional ski rental equipment is available at the Wisp Rental Shop and the Adventure Center carries a complete line of parabolic shaped ski and snowboards. Snowshoes and snow bikes are also available to rent. Equipment, apparel, and accessories may be purchased onsite at Rudy's Ski Shop, located on the lower level of the McHenry House.

Events and competitions are held at Wisp throughout the season, including the Maryland Special Olympic Winter Games, Ford Big Air Series competition and WinterBlast. For information on snow events, please call Wisp at 301-387-4911, or visit their web site at www.skiwisp.com.

The base lodge at Wisp, The McHenry House, offers a variety of food and beverage outlets that are open year-round. Aged hand-cut steaks from choice western beef, fresh seafood and house specialties are available at DC's Mountain Steak House and Bar, while more casual meals such as pizza, stromboli, heroes and more are offered at Pizzazz Pizzeria. Shenanigan's Bar & Grill is a great place for pub-style appetizers and specialty sandwiches.

For the children, Willy Wisp is a unique year-round youth center, operated in conjunction with Garrett Community College, that offers opportunities for education, exercise, exploration and socialization in the resort atmosphere of Wisp. Winter programs offer full and half-day ski packages that include lessons, equipment, lunch and snacks and an orientation to snow play. An abundance of summer camps featuring hiking, biking, tennis, golf, swimming, performing arts, and computer technology will stimulate and dazzle your child!

Accommodations are a breeze at the Wisp Hotel, with an onsite Conference Center, as well as ski-in/ski-out private homes and townhouses. A variety of vacation cabins, hotels/motels, bed & breakfasts, and condominiums are available throughout the area. Please contact the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce at 301-387-4386 or visit www.garrettchamber.com.

Cross-Country Skiing

With annual snowfalls up to 220 inches, state forests and parks of Garrett County provide many miles of cross-country ski trails. Due to its location in the Appalachian Plateau Region with high elevation, tem-

peratures in Garrett County can drop below freezing as early as October. Ski enthusiasts begin to watch for accumulation in November and have been known to still be skiing on Easter. Late December through February are usually the best months for gliding on the snow, and the varied terrain offers a great ski experience for everyone, from the beginner to the backcountry explorer.

Both New Germany and Herrington Manor offer wide, well-marked, groomed trails. Warming lodges at each park provide trail maps, snow conditions and weather information. These are also popular spots for lunch stops, warming up by the fire and meeting new people. More advanced skiers will find challenging trails in both parks. The natural terrain of the mountains provides hills for climbing, sliding, and turning. The backcountry experience abounds in the State Forests. Maps are available at State offices. For ski conditions please check the website at www.skimaryland.com. Cross-country ski rentals are available at Deep Creek Outfitters and High Mountain Sports (please see ads on pages 41 & 45), as well as New Germany 301-895-5453 and Herrington Manor State Parks 301-334-9180.

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Ice Climbing

Ready for real adventure? Try ice climbing in mountainous Garrett County. There are sites in Savage River Forest but Swallow Falls State Park has to be the most spectacular. Guided trips can be organized with the Adventuresports Institute at 301-387-3330 M-F, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Arrangements must be made in advance.

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Snowboarding

"Snowboarding rules" at the Wisp Resort! Snowboard technique resembles surfing more than skiing. Snowboarders at Wisp use the same lifts and trails as the Alpine skiers and follow the same rules of the slopes. Additionally, Wisp offers a halfpipe and terrain park for snowboarders. The halfpipe is 400' long and 30' wide with high-banked walls. Snowboarders maneuver in a halfpipe much like skateboarders. Competitions in both halfpipe and slalom are staged at Wisp throughout the season. Wisp also offers snowboard rentals and lessons.

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Snowmobiling

This exciting sport offers thrills for both young and old. Snowmobiling is permitted in the State Forests on marked trails. Maps of existing snowmobile trails and general information are available from the State Forest offices or the Chamber office. Snowmobiling is permitted on private lands only with written permission from the landowner. You may not ride a snowmobile on or adjacent to public highways except to cross at a 90-degree angle. You may not cross a limited access highway. Snowmobile permits are required to utilize trails in any Maryland State Park. Usage is permitted between December 15 and March 15. Permits are $15 for the four-month period and are only available at some state park Offices. Additional information regarding snowmobiling laws may be obtained from the Maryland State Police at 301-387-1101.

Snowshoeing

A fresh blanket of white snow makes you bundle up and leave the warmth of your fire to explore a white and silent winter wonderland. Snowshoeing is hiking of the snow variety. You can rent snowshoes at Herrington Manor and Deep Creek Lake State Parks for $11 for a half day or $13 full day or purchase them at High Mountain Sports and get back to the quiet serenity of the white covered woodlands. There are 160 miles of established hiking trails on Garrett County public lands just waiting to take you to a peaceful winter calm.

Water Sports

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Garrett County offers three huge lakes for motorboats and personal watercraft:

Youghiogheny River Lake - Extends 16 miles and covers 2,840 acres. There is a marina on the lake at Somerfield South, which offers boat rentals. Three campgrounds each offer something different with facilities ranging from modern to primitive. There are eight launch areas with docks, restrooms, swimming areas and numerous other amenities. Call 814-395-3166 for more information.

Jennings Randolph Lake - Extends five and a half miles upstream, has a surface area of 952 acres and has two boat launches with floating docks, a fishing pier, scenic overlooks including the Waffle Rock site, trail system and campground with numerous amenities. Call 304-355-2346 for more information.

Deep Creek Lake - Extends 12 miles, has a surface of 3,900 acres with 65 miles of shoreline and is designed for boat travel. Rent a beautiful lakefront home or other accommodation and boat to the grocery store, bank, seven restaurants, bait shops, hardware store, ice cream parlor, movie theatre, office supply store, and a state park with playgrounds, pavilions and numerous activities. Call 301-387-4111 for more information.

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Nearly every type of boat from sailboat, to personal watercraft (PWC) to speedster can be seen on Deep Creek Lake. Local marinas have boats available for rental. Prices vary according to the size of the boat. Sailing on the lake is exceptional with races held every weekend during the season. The Deep Creek Sailing School, 301-387-4497, offers on-the-water sailing lessons.

The following are the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) regulations applicable to Deep Creek Lake:

Statewide Boating Regulations for Non-Tidal Waters:

1. All boating accidents must be reported.
2. When water-skiing, two persons in the boat (an operator and an observer) must be at least 12 years old.
3. No water-skiing between sunset and sunrise.
4. It is unlawful to operate a boat in a reckless or negligent manner, or while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
5. One Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD) must be carried for each person aboard and additional safety equipment may be required.
6. A valid registration must be on board and correctly displayed.
7. Water-skiing is not permitted within 100 feet of docks, shore, boats, or other people.
8. Navigation lights must be displayed between sunset and sunrise.
9. A Boating Safety Certificate is required for those born on or after July 1, 1972. Contact the officers at 301-387-4111 for dates of certification classes.

Regulations specifically for Deep Creek Lake:

1. A vessel may not exceed 26 feet in length, except pontoon boats, which may not exceed 30 feet.
2. Sirens are not permitted.
3. Houseboats are not permitted.
4. Engines may not exceed the manufacturers recommended capacity, or a total displacement of 550 cubic inches, whichever is less.
5. Parasailing is not permitted on the lake.
6. Vessels shall be muffled so as not to exceed state noise level limits.
7. No garbage, sewage or other waste materials may be discharged into the lake.
8. Aircraft are prohibited on the lake and buffer strip.

Personal Watercraft (PWC) (a motorized vessel which can only carry the number of persons as specified by the manufacturer) may not be operated on the lake between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sunday and holiday of Memorial Day weekend and Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from July 1 through Labor Day.

In addition to all other boating regulations, PWC must abide by a set of their own regulations, a few of which are:

Persons must be at least 16 years of age to operate a PWC.

All persons aboard a PWC must wear a Coast Guard approved Personal Floatation Device (PFD).

A person may not operate a PWC in a negligent manner; i.e. jumping the wake of other vessels within 100 feet of vessel.

A person may not operate a PWC between the hours of sunset and sunrise.

Restricted Skiing Areas and Speed Zones:

1. On Deep Creek Lake, a person may not operate a vessel towing a skier, an aquaplane, or similar device within 100 feet of any bridge on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm between the Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day.
2. Water-skiing is not permitted beyond the buoys in the upper end of North Glade Cove from 12 noon until sunset each Saturday, Sunday, and holidays.
3. A person may not operate a vessel at a speed in excess of 3 knots within 100 feet of the shoreline anywhere on the lake, except that a person may tow a skier from a dock or shore, then immediately exit the restricted area.

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4. A person may not operate a vessel in excess of 3 knots between the hours of 11:00 am and 4:00 pm on Saturday, Sunday, and holidays from the Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day in that area which lies between Beckman's Cove and North Glade Cove.

5. A person may not operate a vessel at a speed in excess of 3 knots at any time in the following areas: Meadow Mountain Run, east of the Meadow Mountain Bridge; McHenry Cove, north of the restriction buoys; upper end of Red Run Cove, southwest of the restriction buoys; Thayerville Cove, southwest of a line of buoys extending from the easternmost point of the Arrowhead peninsula; upper end of Hoop Pole Cove, southwest of the restriction buoys; and upper end of Pawn Run Cove, northwest of the restriction buoys.

For more information, locate the commercial boat docks or get a Travel by Boat brochure from the Visitors Center. If you have further questions, contact the Deep Creek Lake Area Recreation Office, 898 State Park Road, Swanton, MD 21561 or call 301-387-4111. Department of Natural Resources Police Emergency Number (land or water) 800-628-9944 or Memorial Day through Labor Day call 301-387-1101 for water-related problems.

Rowboats and paddleboats only are permitted on the lakes at Herrington Manor State Park, New Germany State Park and Savage River Reservoir. Rentals are available from park personnel at both Herrington Manor and New Germany.

Flat Water Paddling

For flat water paddlers there are many smaller lakes within a 25-mile radius of Deep Creek, which do not allow powerboats. Each one has its own special character and is a peaceful experience at any time of the year. The Savage Reservoir, easily accessed at the Dry Run Road 'put in', has a wilderness feel due to its location within the Savage River State Forest. Views from the water are of steep mountains and wildlife experiences are numerous. New Germany and Herrington Manor State Parks offer canoe rentals and other person-powered boats, which offer a great variety for families and teenagers. Both lakes have easy access for launching your own canoe. Broadford Lake, near the town of Oakland, has 140 acres of shallow water and a boat launch inside Broadford Park.

Kayaking

Join one of the fastest growing water sports in the U.S. Both novice and veteran paddlers will find a wealth of paddling opportunities in Garrett and the surrounding areas. Double bladed paddles and sleek boat designs offer a symmetry of motion that is more of a dance than an athletic endeavor. Dam release schedules for the Yough can be obtained by calling 814-533-8911 or at www.garrettchamber.com.

Touring - Paddling the quiet water of area lakes in a recreational touring kayak is a great way to interact with nature. Touring kayaks like to go straight and fast and allow you to enjoy your surroundings and companions. Mid-week summer mornings or spring and fall weekends on Deep Creek Lake offer opportunities for solitude and exploration in its many coves. Bring your own boat or rent one from a local outfitter. Herrington, Broadford and New Germany lakes offer quieter areas great for family outings and their park offices have limited boats available. For the more adventurous the grand expanses of Youghiogheny, Jennings Randolph and Savage Reservoirs offer miles of paddling.

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Whitewater - Garrett County is the hub for whitewater kayak enthusiasts. Over 30 whitewater runs ranging from beginner (Class 2) to expert (Class 5) can be found within an hour of Deep Creek Lake. For the enthusiast, spring is the season. April showers bring whitewater to the mountains. The Potomac, Youghiogheny, Casselman, Cheat and Savage Rivers all flow from the heart of Garrett. Summer is also a good time to paddle as local dam projects provide reliable water throughout the year. For those starting out, several area outfitters offer kayak instruction or inflatable kayak trips on local rivers. Please see their ads in this Vacation Guide. The gem of Garrett paddling, known locally as the "Upper Yough," attracts expert paddlers from around the country for its tight technical Class V water. Whether creeking, running big water or play boating you'll want to come back again and again for the adventure.

Personal Watercraft

The cool wind in your face, a big wave and you're airborne. Personal watercraft is welcome in Garrett County. Bring your own personal watercraft to ride one of Garrett County's three beautiful lakes: Deep Creek, Jennings Randolph or Youghiogheny River Lake. There are some riding restrictions for Deep Creek Lake, please see the Boating section. You can rent personal watercraft from Silver Tree Marine or the Aquatic Center, see ad on page 39. Add some excitement to your visit with some wet fun!

Sailing

Looking for serenity? Sail Deep Creek Lake. Good winds, pleasant weather and great scenery at every tack. Sailing is not a new sport here since it first began in the 1930's. Flying Scot Sailboats are manufactured and sold right here at Deer Park, 301-334-4848 or visit www.flyingscot.com. Appointments are available. There are well over 5,300 Flying Scots in existence with #1 still sailing!

The Deep Creek Yacht Racing Association (DCYRA) has sailboat races every weekend from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The races are laid out over various courses in the southern end of the lake below the Glendale Bridge for Flying Scots and Lasers. Saturday offers two races with four starts beginning at noon and three starts beginning at 2:30 p.m. Sunday races feature four starts beginning at 1 p.m. The Deep Creek Sailing School offers on-the-water sailing lessons. Visit www.saildeepcreek.com or call 301-387-4497. Regretfully, you cannot currently rent a sailboat but please bring your own and enjoy beautiful Deep Creek Lake.

Scuba Diving

Deep Creek Lake covered a lot of history when it began to fill 75 years ago! Scuba Divers can explore a vehicle with wooden spoke wheels near Red Run Cove, foundations of farmhouses, an Indian hunting camp that lies quietly near Glendale Bridge and much more. Imagine natural springs bubbling from the bottom as you move weightlessly through them. Jennings Randolph and Youghiogheny River Lake offer good visibility and varying temperatures. This is altitude diving at its finest. Garrett County invites you to discover and explore its underwater world. Breathe Deep Scuba, offers air fills and a full line of equipment rentals and diver education, 301-387-8035.

Swimming

Thick, forested mountains rising out of clear, shiny water – a long stroke and a bubbling kick – swimming in Garrett County is a remarkable experience. Although the seven lakes offer a variety of water sports, swimming is the most common. There are sandy, life

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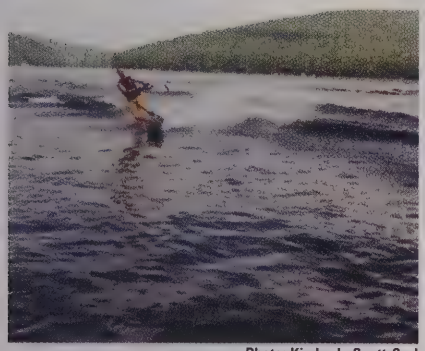
guarded beaches at Deep Creek Lake, Herrington Manor, New Germany State Parks, Broadford Lake Park, Jennings Randolph and

the Youghiogheny Dam Lake. All have picnic facilities and bathhouses and many offer boat rentals. Details are in the park descriptions on pages 60-65. If you prefer an indoor setting, there are three heated indoor swimming pools in the area. Information is available at the Garrett County Visitor Center or call 301-387-4386.



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Wakeboarding

"Wakeboarding is huge" in Garrett County! The Bust Largness Wakeboard Contest is a spectacular event that attracts competitors from several states. Visit the local marinas for boat rentals and retailers for all your water sports gear. Remember, all ski boats must have an observer over the age of 12, and you must keep your boat and skier at least 100 feet from shore, docks and other boats.

Water Skiing

HIT IT!!!! The phrase pumps adrenaline through the veins of beginners and expert water skiers alike. Water skiing is often a chilling experience in Garrett County on Deep Creek, Jennings Randolph or Youghiogheny River Lakes. Wetsuits, which are available at several retail shops, can make your skiing more enjoyable and extend your ski season by several months.

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Windsurfing

The best time to catch a stiff breeze tends to be in spring or fall. Summer winds are usually light and perfect for the novice windsurfer. When the wind blows heavily it is usually gusty because of the surrounding mountains. The four area lakes that permit windsurfing are Deep Creek, Jennings Randolph, Savage River and Youghiogheny River Lakes. The best wind on Deep Creek Lake is directly in front of the boat launch ramp at Deep Creek Lake State Park. Sailboards can be rented at Silver Tree Marine on Glendale Rd., 301-387-4040.

Adventure Sports

Hiking

Garrett County has a hiking trail for outdoor enthusiasts of every age and hiking ability. Whether you prefer a stroll along the waterfront to watch the sunset at Deep Creek Lake, enjoy a climb up the mountain for an aerial view of the Monroe Run Vista, or seek the solitude of a more challenging trail deep inside the State Forests and Parks, Garrett County hiking trails are for you.

In addition every season has its own rewards. Spring brings high water in the streams and rivers making it the perfect time to visit Swallow Falls State Park. The highest free falling waterfall in Maryland and two smaller falls are located there. Summer surrounds you with the greenery of ferns and leaves of the oaks and maples. Many of the mountain trails are covered with the blooms of millions of mountain laurel and rhododendron during June and July. In the fall trails are sprinkled with colors of orange, yellow and red. In the winter a conversion can be made to snowshoes and hiking takes on a whole new "feel."

Maps are available at the local state parks and the Garrett County Visitor Center. Many hiking and other trail guides are also available from High Mountain Sports. See ad on page 45.

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Mountain Biking

Just west of the Eastern Continental Divide running through Garrett County lie miles of sparsely traveled country roads. These offer panoramic vistas of farmlands folded among beautiful mountain scenery. This pristine mountain setting offers a perfect opportunity for a road cyclist's dream getaway. The State Highway Administration has provided 10-foot shoulders for safe riding on Routes 135, 495, and 219. Maryland bicycle maps are available from the Visitors Center on Rt. 219 just north of Deep Creek Lake or by calling 301-387-4386 or visit www.garrettchamber.com.

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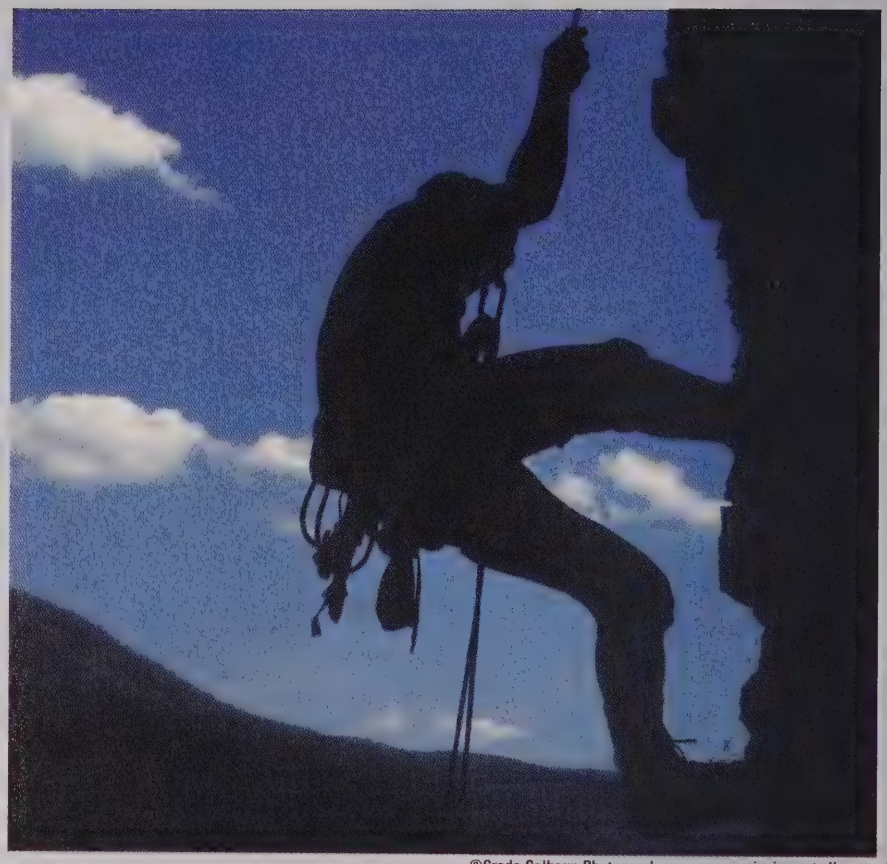

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The Garrett Association of Mountain Bike Operators (GAMBO) has been creating and maintaining single track in Garrett County. They have put an eight-mile single track loop at the Margraff Plantation in the Savage River State Forest, which is just plain awesome!

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Destination riding can be extremely rewarding as well. Once you get here you can park your car and do all sightseeing by bike. Adventurous cyclists can discover the highest free falling waterfall in Maryland, explore a sub-arctic swamp, or view a virgin hemlock forest. High Mountain Sports on Deep Creek Lake offers guided bike tours, maps, and mountain bike rentals. See ad on page 45.

Rappelling

Before you lies a view that simply takes your breath away. Dark green forested mountains, a furious whitewater stream and a beautiful clear blue sky. You stand on a jagged outcrop, and ready yourself for the descent. Guided trips can be organized with the Adventuresports Institute at 301-387-3330 M-F, 9 am to 4 pm. Arrangements must be made in advance.

Rock Climbing

The rocky, mountainous nature of Garrett County offers climbers an exhilarating experience. Nearby Cooper's Rock and Seneca Rocks offer beginning through advanced climbing opportunities. Bring your own equipment or make prior arrangements for a guide with the Adventuresport Institute at 301-387-3330 M-F, 9 am to 4 pm.

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For questions about boating regulations and water releases on the Youghiogheny River, call Youghiogheny River Management at 301-387-4111. Recently, commercial outfitters have designated several of our county's Class I, II, and III rivers as family style paddling experiences. For information on commercial outfitters, see the display advertisements in this guide.

Golf & Tennis

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Golf

Garrett County features two public 18-hole championship golf courses. The Oakland Golf Club, which is open from April to October, offers a pro shop as well as a club house with dining room and lounge. This course is 10 miles from Deep Creek Lake, approximately one mile from Oakland on the Oakland-Sang Run Road. The annual Western Maryland Men's Amateur Golf Championships are held here each year in early August.

The Golf Club at Wisp is located at the Wisp Resort in McHenry. This 18-hole golf course is recognized as one of the best in Maryland and has been named in Golf Digest Magazine as one of America's top 500 places to play. The golf shop is located in the lower level of the McHenry House, and a variety of restaurants are available on the premises. The Club also boasts a driving range complete with practice green and sand trap and is also lighted for night-time use.

Both golf courses also feature rental equipment and lessons. See the display advertisements in this guidebook for further information.

Tennis

The ever-popular sport of tennis offers fun and challenge, and there are several courts throughout the county which are open to the public. The Western Maryland Tennis Championships, the oldest tennis event in Maryland, is held during the first weekend of August at the Mt. Lake Park Tennis Club on clay courts. For more information, please call 301-334-4641 or 301-387-8371.

Grantsville Town Park–

Located at Exit 19 off Interstate 68; four asphalt courts are open during daylight hours: no fee.

Mountain Lake Park Tennis Club–

Located off Route 135 in Mt. Lake Park. Four clay courts are open during daylight hours: fee.

Northern Middle School–

Located behind Northern High School off Route 219 in Accident. Two courts are available when school is not in session; daylight hours: no fee.

Southern Middle School–

Located off Broadford Road in Oakland. Courts are open when school is not in session: daylight hours: no fee.

Wisp Resort–

Located on Marsh Hill Road in McHenry. Two new tennis courts are open to the public for a fee; 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. For information, please call 301-387-5581.

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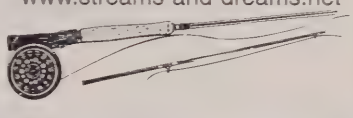

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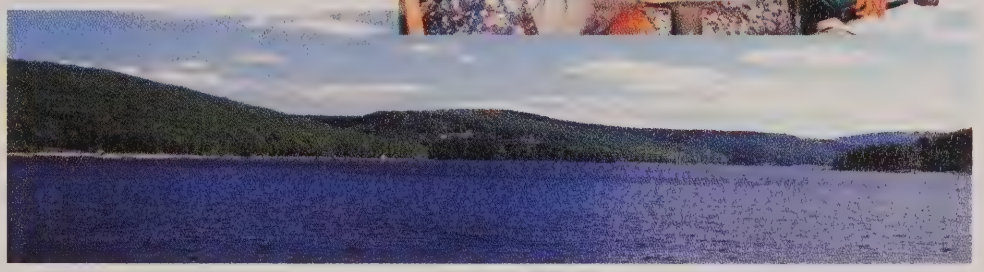

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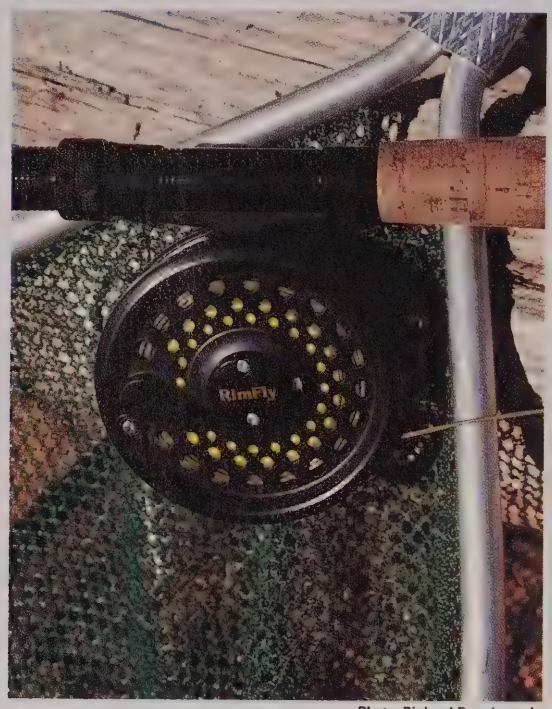

Photo: Richard Dennison, Jr.

Garrett County's Deep Creek Lake Area is a sportsman's paradise. With over 90,000 acres of public forest and parks, opportunities for hunting and fishing abound.

Hunting

The wings of a pheasant beat diagonally across the sky, you swing the gun, in one smooth motion, you fire! The pheasant drops to the ground...you know you have met the challenge. Wings of Challenge offers bird hunting with your dog or theirs or guided hunts for turkey or whitetail deer. Please see their ad on page 53. Garrett County has been recognized as an exceptional hunting destination for two centuries. Areas open to the public include Mt. Nebo Wildlife Management Area, Deep Creek Lake State Park, Garrett State Forest, Potomac State Forest and the Savage River State Forest. These combine to make a total of over 80,000 acres of public hunting land maintained by the State. Because of the numerous amounts of turkeys, Garrett County offers two seasons. Jr. Turkey Day is April 13, 2002 Spring Gobbler Season is April 18 - May 16. Proposed fall turkey dates are Oct. 26 - Nov.2, 2002. Last year, the spring turkey harvest was 511 and the fall was 162. Small game, such as rabbits, grouse, ducks, Canadian Geese and squirrels heavily populate the woods of the area. Hunters must purchase a valid hunting license from a MD DNR licensing agent. Local sporting goods stores provide licenses and supplies (see advertisements in this guidebook). It is the licensee's responsibility to follow State hunting rules and regulations. Garrett County whitetail dates were not available at the time of print but are available at www.dnr.state.md.us/huntersguide. Look up specific game under "Seasons and Bag Limits" or telephone 301-777-2136. Deer hunting is extremely popular, with a harvest of 8,368; 5,113 were taken by rifle; 1,727 by bow and 1,528 by muzzle-loader. People are encouraged to report poaching violations to 800-635-6124, Catch-A-Poacher Hotline. All other violations, land or water, should be reported to Natural Resources Police at 301-777-7771.

Sporting Clays

The clay target moves, you set your sights and fire. Bingo! With 17 different clay stations, a variety of shooting situations are offered. Rent a gun or bring your own and enjoy a day of shooting sport. Open year round by appointment. Contact Wings of Challenge on page 53.

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Fishing

Fishing in Garrett County waters is one of the area's most exciting and rewarding sports. Maryland's largest freshwater lake, Deep Creek Lake, is the center of fishing activity in the region. Garrett County holds 8 of the Maryland State Records: Walleye – 14 lbs. 4 oz., caught in Jennings Randolph Lake; Bluegill – 3 lbs. 7 oz., Northern Pike – 24 lbs. 12 oz., & Yellow Perch – 2 lbs. 6 oz., caught in Deep Creek Lake; Brook Trout – 6 lbs. 1.75 oz., Brown Trout – 18 lbs. 3 oz., & Cutthroat Trout – 7 lbs. 9 oz., caught in the North Branch of the Potomac River; and Rainbow Trout 14 lbs. 3 oz., caught in Savage River Reservoir.

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) offers 'Free Fishing Days' on June 1st, 8th and July 4th, 2002. (No fishing license is required to fish in Maryland on these days.)

Excellent fishing for brown, rainbow and brook trout is available in Garrett County streams. Special regulation areas on the Savage and Casselman Rivers, numerous stocked streams and a multitude of native brook trout streams provide anglers with a variety of quality trout fishing possibilities. For a list of stocked streams and applicable regulations, consult the Maryland Sport Fishing Guide, which is available from sellers of fishing licenses.

The Garrett County Fishing Contest, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce & Johnny's Bait House, is held annually May 1 through September 30. Awards are given for the season's largest catches, and weekly winners are also given an emblem and citation. Fish must be registered at Johnny's Bait House on Route 219 at Deep Creek Lake.

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Fly-fishing

Garrett County has numerous and unique fly-fishing opportunities. All state record trout were caught in Garrett County. Brook Trout – 6 lbs. 1.75 oz., in the North Branch of the Potomac; Brown Trout – 18 lbs. 3 oz., in North Branch of the Potomac; Cutthroat Trout – 7 lbs. 9 oz., in the North Branch of the Potomac and Rainbow Trout 14 lbs. 3 oz., in the Savage River Reservoir. Garrett County offers miles of pure, cold mountain rivers, streams and lakes and has become one of the premier destination fisheries in the United States. A detailed fly-fishing brochure is available at the Visitors Center or the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce, 301-387-4386 or www.flyfishmaryland.com. What makes Garrett County so attractive is not only the miles of fishing opportunity, but also the extraordinary diversity of fish located in a small geographical area. There are also several unique trout management areas in Garrett County. See our list of proven flies for each river on the following page. For the most current information and directions to all of Garrett County's fishing spots, call the DNR Regional Fisheries Office located on Kings Run Road, at 301-334-8218 or visit www.dnr.state.md.us/fisheries.

41st Annual Fishing Contest Winners: End of Season 2001

- Yellow Perch: 1 lb. 7oz., 15 1/4 inches
  – caught by Carl Cooper
- Walleye: 11 lb. 5 oz., 32 inches (Deep Creek Lake Record)
  – caught by Russ Currer
- Rainbow Trout: 5 lb. 12 oz., 23 inches
  – caught by Ryan Boyd
- Bluegill: 1 lb. 5 oz., 11-3/4 inches
  – caught by Johnny Thorpe
- Largemouth Bass: 6 lb. 5 oz, 21 1/2 inches
  – caught by Donald Ringer
- Northern Pike: 16 lb., 40 1/2 inches
  – caught by Chip Smith
- Crappie: 1 lb. 12 oz., 14 inches
  – caught by Ed Bender
- Brown Trout: 5 lb. 8 oz., 23 1/4 inches
  – caught by Carol Ritchie
- Chain Pickerel: 3 lb. 4 oz., 26 inches
  – caught by Roman Mychajlyshyn
- Smallmouth Bass: 4 lb. 4 oz., 20 inches
  – caught by Ray Wharton

Helpful Hints from Local Experts

These flies have a proven track record on the waters of Western Maryland. Our recommendations are based on the combined experience of such venerable local anglers as Sull McCartney, Ken Pavol, Gary Yoder and professional area fishing guides.

Savage River trophy area - Early season-April: blue quill (#16-18), Hendrickson's (#12) blue wing olive (#18) Midges (#20) fished down stream area often taken on the turn. May/June: Caddis (#14-18), blue wing olive (#18-20) Late June-Sulphurs (#20), Midges. Summer: Caddis (#14-18), Midges, terrestrials (ants, hoppers, and beetles) Nymphs: pheasant tails, bird's nest, various beadheads, hare's ear, small wooly buggers.

Youghiogheny - No-Kill Area. Same as Savage River but add big green drake by late May into early June. Caddis most important in late spring and summer hatch with caddis emerges (LaFontaine) very effective.

North Branch Potomac River: Blue wing olive beginning early and continuing into November. Caddis important throughout summer. Large stone fly nymphs (perlids size 8 or 10) important in North Branch Delayed Harvest Area.

Casselman River: Caddis most effective dry. Wooly buggers, yarn flies (egg patterns) and beadheads are effective.

Photo: Richard Swanson, Jr.

Access to the North Branch tail water is through the small town of Elk Garden, West Virginia located south of Kitzmiller, MD and down into the river valley town of Barnum. Maryland and West Virginia have a reciprocal agreement on the North Branch—a valid license from either state is recognized from both sides of the river.

For the accomplished fly fisherman, the Savage River's tail water's wild Brown and Brook trout offer the ultimate fly-fishing challenge. Special regulations on the river offer a year round fishing opportunity.

Ice Fishing

Increasingly, ice fishing has become a favorite winter pastime on Deep Creek Lake and Savage River Reservoir. The best months are January and February. Yellow perch and walleye provide most of the action, although other species such as northern pike, trout, pickerel, crappie and bass are frequently caught. Please observe the following safety guidelines:

1. Make sure ice is at least 4" thick. Be careful in early winter and toward the end of the season.

2. Go out with a buddy. Keep a good distance apart when you walk. In case of an accident, the other can go for help.

3. Wear a life jacket for added safety.

4. Avoid wet, slushy, or gray areas. Avoid areas near bridges due to the impact of road salt.

5. Talk to the local bait shop about known areas of thin ice.

To receive more information and a brochure please stop by the Garrett County Visitors Center.

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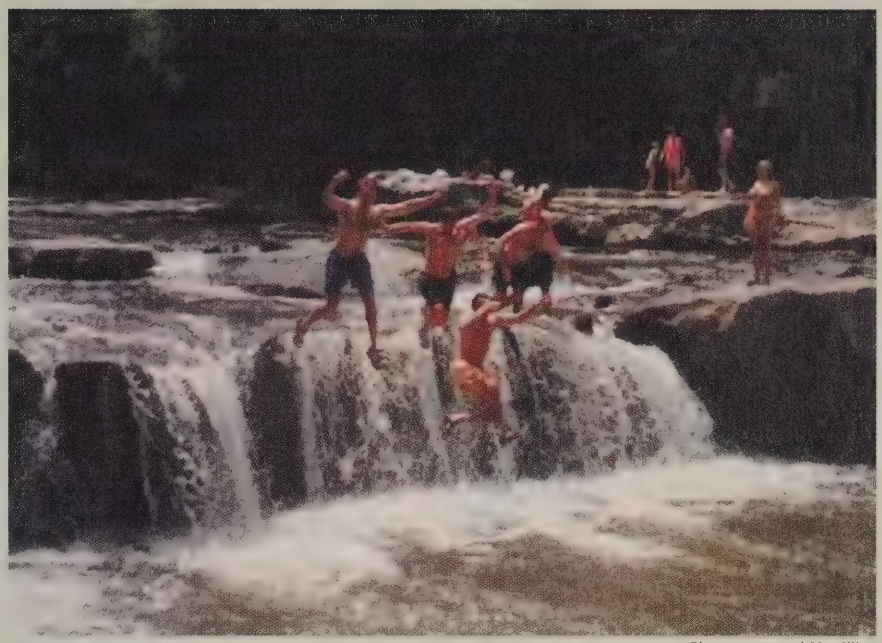
Forests, Parks & Lakes

Camping in State Forests

Maryland's State Forests have primitive campsites without man-made improvements. Potomac/ Garrett State Forest offers pine shelters at a $10 fee. Campers may self-register at various sites throughout the area at a $5 fee. Pets are permitted in Maryland State Forests.

The season lasts all year long, allowing unlimited camping hours. Quiet time is 11 p.m.



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Garrett State Forest

Mountain forests, streams and valleys make up the 7,400 acres in Garrett State Forest. In 1906, the Garrett brothers of the B&O Railroad fame gave the State of Maryland 2,000 acres of forest land providing that a state forestry department be established to manage the area. The donated area was originally named Swallow Falls State Forest. The name was changed in 1976 to Garrett State Forest in honor of the donors. Pets are invited to accompany responsible owners. For information, call 301-334-2038.

Potomac State Forest

This forest contains 12,400 acres of trees, streams and wildlife. It is located along Backbone Mountain near the headwaters of the historic Potomac River. The rugged terrain varies greatly in elevation from the Potomac to the top of Backbone Mountain. This steep gradient gives rise to numerous fast falling brooks and streams which feed the river. Several of the larger streams are Schell, Laurel, Lostland Run and Crabtree Creek. The possibilities for recreation in the forest are for the most part of a primitive nature. It offers scenic vistas, camping, hunting, fishing, biking and nature appreciation. Various activities are offered throughout the year. Feel free to bring your pet. For information, call 301-334-2038.

Savage River State Forest

This is the largest of Maryland's State Forests and contains nearly 54,000 acres of forestland, streams and wildlife habitat for your enjoyment. This forest is located in Garrett County and forms part of the Appalachian Plateau. Within the Savage River Forest are two state parks, New Germany and Big Run. These are developed recreational areas offering housekeeping cabins, picnicking, improved campsites and other facilities. Also within the forest is the 360-acre Savage River Reservoir. The forest offers camping, hiking, fishing, hunting, biking and winter sports. Pets are a welcome addition. For information, call 301-895-5759.

Camping in State Parks

Individual parks vary in times of operation, service charges, etc. It is recommended that you call the specific State Park for further information. Please refer to the chart on the following page. Campers are not permitted to enter the camping area after 10 p.m. Several State Park campgrounds accept pets, call for information. Swallow Falls now has five "equipped sites" which provide a tent, stove, lantern and propane.

Trailers

Camping trailers up to 29 feet in length are permitted. Electric hookups are available at various state parks. House trailers are not permitted.

Improved Grounds

Each campsite is a 24' x 24' camp pad with a picnic table, fire ring with grill, a lantern post and room for a camper trailer, RV or

Maryland State Parks Information

STATE PARK	Big Run	Casselman	Deep Creek	Herrington Manor	New Germany	Swallow Falls	Youghiogheny
State Park Name	Big Run State Park	Casselman River Bridge State Park	Deep Creek Lake State Park	Herrington Manor State Park	New Germany State Park	Swallow Falls State Park	Youghiogheny Wild & Scenic River
Address of Park Office	349 Headquarters Lane	349 Headquarters Lane	898 State Park Rd	222 Herrington Lane	349 Headquarters Lane	222 Herrington Lane	898 State Park Rd
City, State & Zip	Grantsville, MD 21536	Grantsville, MD 21536	Swanton, MD 21561	Oakland, MD 21550	Grantsville, MD 21536	Oakland, MD 21550	Swanton, MD 21561
Phone Number	301-895-5453 or 301-746-8359	301-895-5453 or 301-746-8359	301-387-5563	301-334-9180	301-895-5453 or 301-746-8359	301-334-9180	301-387-5563
Park Location	10 miles south of Grantsville	1/4 mile east of Grantsville	3 miles southeast of McHenry	4 miles northwest of Oakland	4 miles south of Grantsville	6 miles north of Oakland	north of Friendsville along river
Park Features							
Historic	●	●	●	●	●	●	
Scenic	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Water	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
General							
Picnicking	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Shelters	●		●	●	●	●	
Swimming			●	●	●		
Fishing	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Hunting	●		●	●			●
Winter Activities			●	●	●	●	
Trails							
Hiking	●		●	●	●	●	●
Cross-Country Skiing			●	●	●	●	
Horseback Riding	●		●	●	●		
Nature			●	●	●	●	
Snowmobiling			●				
Interpretive							
Interpretive Center			●	●	●	●	
Naturalist	●	●	●	●	●	●	
Campfire Program	●		●	●	●	●	
Guided Walks			●	●	●	●	
Concessions							
Snackbar				●			
Vending				●	●	●	
Camp Store				●		●	
Cabins							
Reservations				●	●		
Furnished			2	●	●		
Year-round				●	●		
Camping							
Improved			●		●	●	
Unimproved	●						
Drinking Water	●	●	●		●	●	
Reservations			●		●	●	
Winterized	●						
Maximum Sites	30		112		39	65	
RV Sites			26			3	
Play Area/Playground			●	●	●	●	
Fire Rings/Grills	●		●	●	●	●	
Tables	●		●	●	●	●	
Boating							
Boat Slips			●				
Boat Launching	●		●	●	●		
Canoe Rentals				●	●		
Paddle Boat Rentals				●	●		
Row Boat Rentals				●	●		

Park Watch – The Maryland State Forest and Park Service has a Park Watch Program. Park and Forest visitors are encouraged to take an active role in protecting personal property and preserving public lands. If you observe any suspicious activity, vandalism or safety hazards, you are asked to report them to the PARK WATCH HOTLINE: 1-800-825-PARK.

tent. The driveway allows parking for one vehicle. Some driveways have room for additional vehicles or trailers. Some parks have additional parking for extra vehicles. Camping areas have centrally located washhouses with toilets, sinks, showers and hot/cold water. Drinking fountains and cold-water spigots are near each washhouse. Laundry tubs are available at the washhouses in some parks. Reservations are highly recommended for camping from May through September. Camping season for 2002 is April through October. Reservations may be made up to 12 months in advance by calling 1-888-432-CAMP(2267).

Cabins

Cabins may be reserved for one-week intervals from Memorial Day through Labor Day and for two night minimum stays for all other months of the year. Reservations can be made by calling the parks directly. Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, and may be made up to nine months in advance. Some cabins are handicapped accessible.

A non-refundable deposit must accompany reservations. When making reservations, the person must provide names, addresses, and number of people and telephone numbers for each of the reservations made. For reservations, call the statewide reservation number: 1-888-432-CAMP.

Big Run State Park

With 300 acres in Garrett County, Big Run State Park offers rustic camping opportunities with 30 unimproved campsites and a youth group camping area. Situated at the mouth of the Savage River Reservoir, the park is 16 miles from exit 24 of Interstate 68. The park is actually surrounded by the acreage of Savage River State Forest and so visitors to the area have an even wider array of recreational opportunities with the facilities at all of these public land sites in Western Maryland. With a boat launch, Big Run is a popular base camp for outdoor-lovers intent on fishing, camping, hiking or hunting. Pets are permitted at campsites. Big Run is the trailhead for a six-mile hiking trail, known as Monroe Run. There is a rental picnic pavilion, which can accommodate 100 people available by reservation. For information, call 301-895-5453.

Privately Owned Campgrounds

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CAMPGROUND	Double G Ranch	Little Meadows
Campground Address City, State & Zip Phone Number	P.O. Box 25 McHenry, MD 21541 301-387-5481	Chestnut Ridge Road Grantsville, MD 21536 301-895-5675
Features		
Scenic	●	●
Water	❍	●
General		
Picnicking	●	●
Shelters	●	●
Swimming	❍	
Fishing	❍	●
Cabins		
Winter Activities	❍	
Trails		
Hiking	●	●
Horseback Riding	❍	●
Nature	●	●
Concessions		
Food & Drink	●	
Vending	●	
Camp Store	●	
LP Gas	●	
Camping		
Improved	110	90
Unimproved	0	20
Drinking Water	●	●
Reservations	●	
Bathhouse	●	●
Play Area/Playground	●	●
Dumping Station	●	●
Fireplaces	●	●
Tables	●	●
Boating		
Boat Slips	❍	
Boat Launching	❍	
Canoe Rentals	❍	
Paddle Boat Rentals	❍	
Row Boat Rentals	❍	●

Casselman River Bridge State Park

Spanning four acres, just east of Grantsville on U.S. Route 40. The beautiful, 80-foot stone arch bridge was part of the old National Road. When constructed in 1813, it was the largest of its kind in the world. For information, call 301-895-5453.

Photo: Ken Wishnick

Deep Creek Lake State Park

Encompassing over 1,800 acres, Deep Creek Lake State Park is three miles southeast of McHenry, on the east side of Deep Creek Lake, Maryland's premier destination resort. The park fronts on a six-square-mile, man-made lake. Water sports of all kinds are popular, and in the winter the park offers six miles of snowmobile trails. Pets must be under the control of responsible owners at all times, must be leashed when on hiking trails and are permitted on a limited number of camp sites. They are not permitted in the day use area of the park. The park offers camping, swimming, picnicking, boat launching, interpretive programs, hiking, and a variety of recreational opportunities in the resort area. For information, call 301-387-5563.

Herrington Manor State Park

Covering 365 acres, Herrington Manor State Park is located about four miles northwest of Oakland. Situated in the middle of Garrett State Forest, the park features a 53-acre lake and many wooded trails. In the winter, the park offers cross-country ski trails along with ski rentals. There are 20 log cabins available to rent. For information, call 301-334-9180.

For more information about individual parks or forests, visit the Maryland DNR website, at: www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands.

Mt. Nebo Wildlife Management Area

Nestled in the mountains of Garrett County, this 2,000-acre tract of land protects one of the most unique wetlands in Maryland, a red spruce bog. Bogs are more typically found in northern states and Canada, but the mountain's elevation here makes ideal conditions for this special wetland. Beaver ponds, alder thickets and sedge meadows along with 1,500 acres of forest and 40 acres of fields make Mt. Nebo a prime destination for outdoor sportsmen and nature lovers. For information, call 301-334-4255.

New Germany State Park

New Germany State Park's 455 acres are located about four miles south of Grantsville on New Germany Road. The park is built on the site of a once-prosperous milling center in Savage River State Forest, and features a 13-acre lake and 11 rental cabins. Trails for hiking in summer and cross-country skiing in winter lead through typical Western Maryland forest lands. For information, call 301-895-5453.

Swallow Falls State Park

Swallow Falls State Park stretches 257 acres, and is located about six miles north of Oakland, on Swallow Falls Road. This mountainous park contains some of Maryland's most breathtaking scenery. The Youghiogheny River flows along the park's borders, passing through shaded rocky gorges. Muddy Creek Falls is a crashing 53-foot waterfall—a spectacular sight. Tall hemlocks dominate the silent woods. Pets allowed at designated site all year. For more information, please call 301-334-9180.

Youghiogheny Wild and Scenic River

The section of the Youghiogheny River between Miller's Run and Friendsville, MD was designated as Maryland's first wild river. The goal of the state of Maryland is to provide for the cooperative management, preservation, and protection of the Youghiogheny River and its outstanding scenic, geologic, historic, ecological, recreational, agricultural, fish, wildlife and cultural values. About 2,500 acres of public lands are managed. Whitewater boating, trout fishing, hunting and hiking are the predominant uses of the park. For more information, call 301-387-5563.

Lakes

Federal Lakes

Jennings Randolph Lake – Corps of Engineers Office, 304-355-2346

Jennings Randolph Lake was authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1962 and the $175 million project was completed in 1982. The full recreation lake hosts boating (speed, personal watercraft, fishing, sail and rowing), fishing, water-skiing, scuba diving and many other activities. It is 5.5 miles long, has a 13.6-mile shoreline, and covers 952 acres. The recreation area surrounding Jennings Randolph covers 4,500 acres. It offers a Visitor Center, picnic sites, pavilions, playgrounds, camping facility, interpretive trail, horseshoe pits and a basketball court. The Maryland Department of Natural Resources has a boat launch which is accessible from Rt. 135 and Mt. Zion Rd. For information, call 301-334-9180.

Youghiogheny River Lake – Corps of Engineers Office, 814-395-3166

In the heart of the Laurel Highlands and spanning the Mason-Dixon Line sits the Youghiogheny River Lake. Experience the clean waters and mountains, which provide an unsurpassed setting for outdoor recreation. The lake is 16 miles long and covers 2,840 acres. Visitors can camp, fish, motorboat, jet ski, sail, picnic and many other activities. Mill Run Access Area offers camping, boat launching, a swimming facility and more. For information, call 301-746-5248.

State Lakes

Deep Creek Lake – 301-387-4386

Limitless recreational options are offered at Deep Creek Lake, Maryland's largest freshwater lake, such as boating, swimming, fishing and sailing. Wisp, Maryland's only alpine ski resort, overlooks Deep Creek Lake and offers year-round resort and conference facilities, including an 18-hole championship golf course, as well as 23 trails (over 80 acres) for skiers of all abilities. Nearly every type of boat from sailboat, to personal watercraft (PWC) to speedster can be seen on Deep Creek Lake. Local marinas have boats available for rent. Prices vary according to the size of the boat. Sailing on the lake is exceptional with races held every weekend during the season. There are lakefront cabins for rent with docks, so bring your boat and use it as your mode of transportation. You can go grocery shopping, dine at several restaurants, visit the night spots, see a movie, and get fishing or boating supplies all from your boat.

Herrington Manor Lake – 301-334-9180

Herrington Manor Lake has 53 acres of water with a picnic area, a snack bar, a sandy, life guarded beach and paddle boats, rowboats, canoes and kayaks available to rent. The dam was constructed in the 1930's by the Civilian Conservation Corp during the Great Depression. The lake is stocked with trout, bass, crappie and catfish. All non-gasoline motor watercrafts are invited to use the facility.

New Germany Lake – 301-895-5453

This small lake is nestled in the tranquil beauty of New Germany State Park. It features a sandy, life guarded beach with rowboat, paddle-boat and surf bike rentals. It is stocked with sport fish and is the center of activity in the park. Located just minutes from I-68, this lake is a favorite of campers.

Savage River Reservoir – 301-895-5759

Majestic mountains rise above crystal clear water. You are invited to launch your own non-gasoline powered craft to enjoy some of the best sport fishing in the county. Game fish include trout, bass, crappie, walleye, perch and catfish. A tailwater, catch and release fly-fishing area is home to many six and seven pound brown and rainbow trout. Give this rugged environment a try, it is sure to please.

Municipal Lakes

Broadford Lake Park – 301-334-9222

One of Oakland's municipal parks, Broadford Lake Park is located in the southern end of the county, one mile from Oakland. Canoes, sailboards, rowers and electric trolling crafts are invited to navigate the 140 acres of beautiful flat water. Pets welcome in a designated area. The lake is regularly stocked with trout, crappie, bass and catfish. Amenities include a boat launch and docks, picnic areas, sandy swimming beach and lake house. The gates are locked during the winter months but access is permitted following the posted guidelines.

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Attractions

MOST VISITED

Deep Creek Lake

Deep Creek Lake forms the centerpiece of Maryland's four-season vacation resort. The 65-mile shoreline winds along the wide-open lake surface and into secluded coves.

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Early summer morning mists part to reveal solitary bass fishing boats. Afternoon sunshine reflects off sporting crafts cutting through the cool waters while silent sailboats glide through quiet coves. Visitors can stay in a lakefront accommodation and boat to many resort amenities. Winter's chill brings another brand of fishing devotee to Deep Creek Lake for the "hard water" fishing experience and the chance to pull a perch from a hole bored through the ice. Autumn's glory can be most fully appreciated during a leisurely pontoon excursion on Deep Creek Lake, where surrounding mountains provide a spectacle of color against the clear mountain skies. In every season Deep Creek Lake lets you renew your spirits where mountain, sky, and water meet.

Garrett County Visitors Center

An information epicenter, the Garrett County Visitors Center assists visitors in accessing local attractions, accommodations, restaurants, and recreation. Located near Deep Creek Lake along Rt. 219, the Visitors Center is operated by the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce. For information on visiting the Deep Creek Lake area in any season call 301-387-4FUN or visit www.garrettchamber.com.

Deep Creek Lake Discovery Center

The Deep Creek Discovery Center, overlooking the lake in Deep Creek Lake State Park, offers people of all ages a glimpse into the wildlife of Western Maryland. Here can you feel the outline of fossils from the Allegheny Mountains, study underwater ecology under a microscope, or place your hand in a black bear paw print. These interactive exhibits make the Discovery Center an entertainment and educational experience for visitors year 'round. For more information about the center call 301-387-7067.

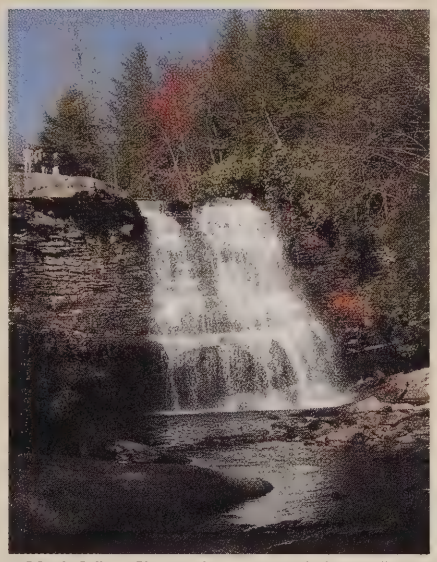
Photo: Ken Wishnick

The Cove

Heading south on Rt. 219 toward the town of Accident is a spot where you can experience a view to remember. The Cove Overlook, at an elevation of 2,800 feet, provides a panorama of the scenic farmlands below, stretching south along the valley and westward to the mountain crest. This awesome landscape has been photographed and captured on canvases in all seasons.

Muddy Creek Falls

Located in Swallow Falls State Park, Muddy Creek Falls is a powerful 53-foot cataract – the highest waterfall in Maryland. The surrounding stands of virgin hemlocks and dense rhododendron produce a noticeably cool temperature and a quiet that contrasts to the water's roar. Though no longer permitted, camping was once acceptable adjacent to Muddy Creek Falls. It was here that the self-styled Vagabonds, Henry Ford, Harvey Firestone, John Burroughs, and Thomas Edison rolled out their sleeping cots to camp in 1918 and again in 1921.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The Garrett County Historical Society Museum

A repository of local artifacts and treasures, the Garrett County Historical Society Museum offers a glimpse into the daily lives of the early settlers and more recent residents of this mountainous area. The museum library boasts numerous local genealogical records and other historic documentation. Located along Second Street in Oakland, the museum is open to the public. Call 301-334-3226 for hours of operation.

Oakland Train Station

The Oakland Train Station, now on the National Registry, is among the nation's most distinguished, historic depots. This fully renovated 1884 Queen Anne-style station is also one of the oldest in the country. Built to serve the B&O Railroad resort clientele, the station welcomed vacationing presidents, captains of industry, and other preeminent citizens. The station is open to the public and group tours are available. Current hours are available at the Garrett County Visitors Center.

HERITAGE

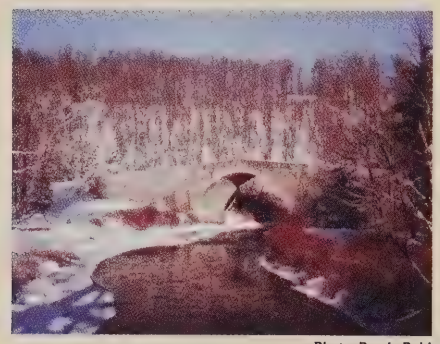
Photo: Bonnie Ulrich

The National Road

As the first federally funded route in 1811, the National Road cut across northern Garrett County, indelibly marking the area now known as Grantsville. Inns, taverns, and coach stops sprang up along the roadway (Alt. Route 40), providing hospitality to the early 19th century traveler. The economic and cultural impact of this road is recounted on markers placed before the historic Casselman Inn, and at the entrance to the community park.

Penn Alps

In a log inn that had served the travelers on the National Road a century or more ago, local educator and humanitarian Dr. Alta Schrock founded Penn Alps to assist local artisans in selling their work. A landmark in Grantsville, Penn Alps also serves as a cultural center to showcase the area's arts & crafts and music, and to preserve its history and spiritual values. The Penn Alps Restaurant dishes up traditional country cuisine.



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Casselman River Bridge

To expedite travel by coach or wagon along the National Road, the Casselman River Bridge was built near Grantsville in 1813. Now surrounded by parkland, this bridge was the largest single-span stone arch bridge at the time of its construction, earning it a listing on the National Registry of Historic Places.

Friend Family Association's National Museum

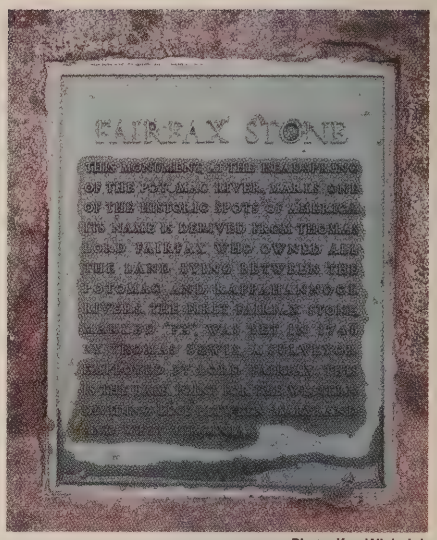
The oldest of Garrett County's towns, Friendsville was settled along the Youghiogheny River on land purchased from Native Americans by John Friend in 1765. The history of the founding family and its multitude of branches is chronicled in documents and photographs at the Friend Family Association's National Museum, located along Maple Street in Friendsville. Stop in to experience history from a family perspective.

The Drane House

Reputed to be the oldest residence in Garrett County, the Drane House was constructed prior to 1800. This log home belonged to James and Priscilla Drane and their children. The two-story structure was painstakingly restored and is open to the public for tours by appointment and for special events. Call town hall at 301-746-6346 for more information.

Visit A Farm

Members of the farming community have formed the Farms, Barns, & Rural Heritage project. Through this effort, a brochure was produced identifying the area's farms that are open to the public for tours. They represent a broad range of farming practices. Please respect the stated tour hours. These are all working farms. Pick up a brochure at the Visitors Center.



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Fairfax Stone

From humble beginnings springs the exuberant Potomac River, and the Fairfax Stone marks the spot where it begins. In addition to marking the headwaters of the Potomac River, the Fairfax Stone played a prominent part in determining the boundary line of West Virginia. To visit the area, cross the few miles into West Virginia on Rt. 219, turn left at the Fairfax Stone park sign.

Maple Syrup

The art of sugaring is still practiced, basically unchanged, on farms in the Garrett County Deep Creek Lake Area. A maple must be 40 years old before it can be tapped to access the "water" which is collected for processing. Once collected, the sweet sap is boiled in huge containers until it becomes a thick, rich, golden syrup. Local maple products are available at stores throughout the area. Visitors may tour certain sugar maple camps by appointment. Call the Visitors Center at 301-387-4386 for more information.

Ruth Enlow Library

The Ruth Enlow Library of Garrett County is an excellent resource for visitors as well as residents. Its shelves are well stocked with local historical information and genealogies plus microfilmed issues of The Republican newspaper dating to 1877. The main library is in Oakland with branches in Grantsville and Accident, and community libraries in Friendsville and Kitzmiller. For more information, call 301-334-3996.

Antiques & Local Products

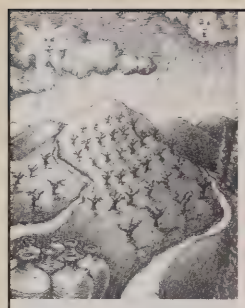
Without the commercialism of strip malls or shopping centers, Garrett County's small personal stores, make shopping a friendly and inviting experience. There are specialty shops offering unique, collectible items crafted by local artisans; holiday shops that entice visitors with seasonal wares; and antique shops that showcase pieces from days long ago that are rich in history as well as function. Local products will make thoughtful gifts for family and friends.

Simon Pearce Glassware

Visitors can watch the intricate art of glassblowing at the Simon Pearce Glassware facility in Mt. Lake Park. Valued for its finely crafted elegance, Simon Pearce glass is known for its fluid form and grace. Products are available in a shop onsite.

Spruce Forest Artisan Village

Visitors to Spruce Forest Artisan Village are invited to watch highly skilled craftsmen produce traditional Allegheny Mountain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The Gallery

Located in historic downtown Oakland, The Gallery features fine arts and quality crafts by local and regional artists. The items displayed are available to purchase as well as to admire. Sponsored by the Garrett County Arts Council, The Gallery is open five days a week. Call 301-334-6580 for hours. To obtain a *Specialty Shopping* brochure or a copy of the *Antique Guide,* visit the Garrett County Visitors Center, or call the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce at 301-387-4FUN, or e-mail info@garrettchamber.com.

NATURAL ATTRACTIONS

Hoye-Crest of Backbone Mountain

Hoye-Crest of Backbone Mountain boasts the highest point in Maryland with an elevation of 3,360 feet. This point, a favorite destination for hikers, was named after Captain Charles Edward Hoye, a renowned historian who preserved the area's history and founded the Garrett County Historical Society. Situated close to the state line, the easiest access to Hoye-Crest is from West Virginia's Monongahela National Forest. Once you make it to the crest, don't forget to pick up a certificate, located near the Hoye-Crest marker sign, confirming that you made it to the highest point in Maryland. These certificates are provided by the Friends of Backbone program, which was initiated by Lillian and Gene Elliott.

Backbone Mountain, part of the Allegheny range, starts near Savage River and extends into West Virginia. It marks the Eastern Continental Divide, the point at which lands to the east drain into the Atlantic Ocean by means of the Potomac River, while those to the west drain into the Gulf of Mexico via the Youghiogheny River. To obtain maps and more information about Hoye-Crest and Backbone Mountain, stop at the Garrett County Visitors Center, call 301-387-4FUN, or e-mail info@garrettchamber.com.

The Cranesville Subartic Swamp

The Cranesville Subartic Swamp was one of the first National Natural Landmarks designated by the National Park Service. It has been described as "a small piece of forest and bog that remained behind after the Ice Age." Formed nearly 15,000 years ago, Cranesville Swamp is home to species of plants and animals usually found in northern areas of the United States and Canada. It is also the southernmost point at which larch forests are found. A boardwalk crosses the swamp and six trails wind through different sections.

Bear Creek Fish Rearing Station

The Bear Creek Hatchery and Fish Rearing Station, located north of Accident, is managed by the Fisheries Service of the Department of Natural Resources. Here along the banks of Bear Creek, visitors may view the process of raising fish from tiny fingerlings to prize-size catches. For information on tour hours call 301-746-8148

TOWNS

ACCIDENT – FLOWERY VALE

Population: 350
Elevation: 2,415
Incorporated: 1916

Situated in a scenic farming valley dating back to the late 1700's, Accident is located on Route 219, about five miles north of Deep Creek Lake. The town's oldest known structure, the Drane House, was built in 1797.

DEER PARK

Population: 525
Elevation: 2,441
Incorporated: 1884

Several U.S. presidents have traveled to Deer Park via the B&O Railroad and stayed at the beautiful Deer Park Hotel. Today historic Pennington Cottage, now known as the Deer Park Inn, is still open to serve the public

FRIENDSVILLE

Population: 600
Elevation: 1,549
Incorporated: 1902

The site of the first settlement in Garrett County, Friendsville was named for John Friend, Sr. When the C&O Railroad was built in 1890, the town became an important shipping point for lumber products.

GRANTSVILLE

Population: 619
Elevation: 2,414
Incorporated: 1864

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KITZMILLER
Population: 410
Elevation: 1,564
Incorporated: 1906

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LOCH LYNN HEIGHTS
Population: 650
Elevation: 2,438
Incorporated: 1896

Located just west of Mountain Lake Park, Loch Lynn Heights sprang from the tracks of the B&O Railroad as a resort area.

MOUNTAIN LAKE PARK
Population: 2,248
Elevation: 2,466
Incorporated: 1931

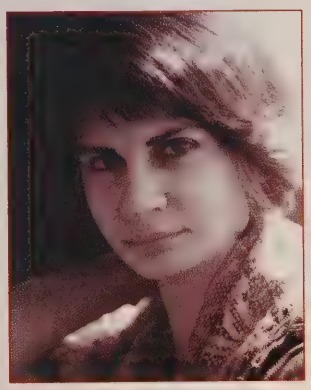
Mtn. Lake Park was established in 1881 as a Chautauqua-style summer resort which hosted thousands of visitors seeking cool, clean mountain air and the numerous cultural, educational and recreational activities.

OAKLAND
Population: 2700
Elevation: 2,534
Incorporated: 1862

This quaint Appalachian community has been designated by the National Historic Trust and named a National Main Street Community. The architectural centerpiece for the town is the 1884 Oakland Train Station.

Footworks

The Ahn Trio



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Sept. 1	U.S. Navy Band *"Cruisers" Rock Band*
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Food & Entertainment

Listings Key

For more information about individual restaurants, please call them directly.

B - Breakfast

L - Lunch

D - Dinner

C - Cocktails

E - Entertainment

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A&D Dairy Delite
Ad on page: 75
Deep Creek Lake, 301-387-9293
Summer 11:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Cocktails/Entertainment: None
Serving: L/D
Reservations: No

Annie's Kitchen Country Restaurant, Ad on page: 75
Accident, 301-746-8578
Summer 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.,
Winter Mon. - Sat. 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.,
Sun. 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Cocktails/Entertainment: None
Serving: B/L/D
Reservations: No

Arby's, Ad on page: 78
Oakland, 301-334-8850
Mon. - Sat. 7 a.m. – 10 p.m.,
Sun. 8 a.m – 10 p.m.
Cocktails/Entertainment: None
Serving: B/L/D
Reservations: No

Black Bear Tavern & Restaurant
Ad on page: 75
Deep Creek Lake, 301-387-6800
Mon. - Sat. 12 noon - 2 a.m.
Cocktails/Entertainment: C/E
Serving: L/D
Reservations: No

Board Room Family Restaurant & Lounge, Ad on page: 75
Oakland, 301-334-2129
Summer M-F 10 a.m. –10 p.m.,
Sat. 1 p.m. – 10 p.m.,
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Fri. 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.,
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Cocktails/Entertainment: C
Serving: L/D
Reservations: Yes

Boardwalk at Point View Inn
Ad on page: 143
Deep Creek Lake,
301-387-5555 ext 38
Mon. - Fri. 4 p.m. - ?,
Sat. 1 p.m. – 2 a.m., Closed Sunday
Cocktails/Entertainment: C/E
Serving: L/D
Reservations: No

Nightlife

Deep Creek Lake sizzles at night. For a free monthly entertainment schedule, pick up *The Lakefront* magazine at area businesses or the Visitors Center, or check events online at www.deepcreektimes.com or www.deepcreekmagazine.com.

Picnicking

Picnic opportunities are numerous in Garrett County. All state parks and recreation areas have picnic areas. Maryland's State Forests and Parks are now "Trash Free". Trashcans have been removed from the day use areas to improve the appearance of the park and to ensure a more enjoyable experience for you. Free trash bags are distributed and visitors are asked to take their trash with them.

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Brenda's Pizzaria, Ad on page: 76
Deep Creek Lake, 301-387-1007
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Serving: L/D
Reservations: No

Cafe 219 Market Square
Ad on page: 95
Deep Creek Lake, 301-387-4075
7:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Cocktails/Entertainment: None
Serving: B/L
Reservations: No

Canoe on the Run
Ad on page: 75
Deep Creek Lake, 301-387-5933
Varies seasonally, open daily
Cocktails/Entertainment: B/W
Serving: B/L/D
Reservations: No

Casselman Restaurant
Ad on page: 132
Grantsville, 301-895-5266
Winter 7 a.m. – 9 p.m.,
Summer 7 a.m. – 10 p.m.,
Closed Sunday
Cocktails/Entertainment: None
Serving: B/L/D
Reservations: Yes

Cornish Manor Restaurant and French Bakery, Ad on page: 82
Oakland, 301-334-6499
Tue. - Sat., Lunch 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.,
Dinner 5 p.m. - ?
Closed Sunday
Cocktails/Entertainment: C
Serving: L/D
Reservations: Yes

DC's Mountain Steak House
Ad on page: 84
Deep Creek Lake,
301-387-4911, ext. 2165
Hours vary with season,
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Cocktails/Entertainment: C
Serving: L/D
Reservations: Yes

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Ad on page: 77
Deep Creek Lake, 301-387-2182
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Sun. 11:30 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Cocktails/Entertainment: C
Serving: L/D
Reservations: No

Deer Park Inn, Ad on page: 76
Deer Park, 301-334-2308
Summer Mon. - Sat.
5:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.,
Winter Thu. - Sat.,
5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Extended hours with reservations
Cocktails/Entertainment: C
Serving: D
Reservations: Required

Dr. Willy's Seafood Carry-out Market, Ad on page: 80
Deep Creek Lake, 301-387-7380
April – Oct 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Seasonal schedule, call to verify
Cocktails/Entertainment: None
Serving: L/D
Reservations: No

Four Seasons Dining Room at Will O'the Wisp
Ad on page: 80
Deep Creek Lake,
301-387-5503, ext. 0
Daily 7 a.m. – 2 p.m.,
5 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Cocktails/Entertainment: C
Serving: B/L/D
Reservations: Yes

Honi Honi, Ad on page: 79
Deep Creek Lake, 301-387-4866
Summer Mon. - Sat. 12 a.m. –
12 p.m., Sun. 12 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Winter Fri. 3 p.m. -? Sat. 1 p.m. -?
Cocktails/Entertainment: C/E
Serving: L/D
Reservations: No

Isabell's Coffee House
Ad on page: 76
Deep Creek Lake, 301-387-9246
Varies with season
Opens at 7 a.m.
Cocktails/Entertainment: None
Serving: B
Reservations: No

Leone's at Silver Tree
Ad on page: 81
Deep Creek Lake, 301-387-4040
Mon. - Thu. 5 p.m. – 10 p.m.,
Fri. - Sat. 5 p.m. – 11 p.m.,
Sun. 4 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Cocktails/Entertainment: C
Serving: D
Reservations: No

Little Caesars, Ad on page: 78
Oakland, 301-334-6111
Mon. - Thu. 11 a.m. – 10 p.m.,
Fri. - Sat. 11 a.m. – 11 p.m.,
Sun. 12 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Cocktails/Entertainment: None
Serving: L/D
Reservations: No

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Little Sandy's Inc., Ad on page: 83
Oakland, 301-334-2936
5 a.m. – 11 p.m.
Cocktails/Entertainment: None
Serving: B/L/D
Reservations: No

Little Sandy's, Ad on page: 80
Deep Creek Lake, 301-387-9850
Mon. - Sat. 6 a.m. – 8 p.m.,
Sun. 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Cocktails/Entertainment: None
Serving: B/L/D
Reservations: No

Little Sandy's, Ad on page: 83
Keyser's Ridge, 301-746-8710
or 301-895-3150
Open 24 Hours
Cocktails/Entertainment: None
Serving: B/L/D
Reservations: No

Little Sandy's, Ad on page: 83
Grantsville Market, Grantsville,
301-895-5574
Open 24 Hours
Cocktails/Entertainment: None
Serving: B/L/D
Reservations: No

Long Branch Saloon
Ad on page: 136
Mt. Lake Park, 301-334-4533
Opens at 4 p.m. Mon. - Sat.
Cocktails/Entertainment: C/E
Serving: D
Reservations: Yes

Mighty Oaks Pub, Ad on page: 80
Deep Creek Lake, 301-387-4343
Open year 'round, call for hours
Cocktails/Entertainment: C
Serving: L/D
Reservations: No

Oak-Mar Restaurant
Ad on page: 136
Oakland, 301-334-3965
Mon. - Sat. 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.,
Sun. 7 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Cocktails/Entertainment: None
Serving: B/L/D
Reservations: No

Penn Alps Restaurant
Ad on page: 82
Grantsville, 301-895-5985
Mon. - Sat. 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.,
Sun. 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Cocktails/Entertainment: None
Serving: B/L/D
Reservations: No

Pizzazz Pizzaria at Wisp
Ad on page: 84
Deep Creek Lake,
301-387-YUMM (9866)
11 a.m. – 11 p.m.
Cocktails/Entertainment: None
Serving: L/D
Reservations: No

Point View Inn, Ad on page: 143
Deep Creek Lake, 301-387-5555
Summer 8 a.m. – 10 p.m.,
Winter Mon. - Fri. 4 p.m. – 9 p.m.,
Sat. - Sun. 8 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Cocktails/Entertainment: C
Serving: B/L/D
Reservations: Yes

Red Run Lodge Restaurant
Ad on page: 84
Deep Creek Lake, 301-387-2626
Seasonal schedule, call to verify
Cocktails/Entertainment: C
Serving: Winter D, Summer L/D
Reservations: Y

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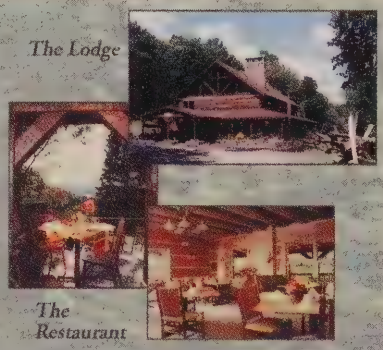

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Serving: B/L/D
Reservations: Required

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Cocktails/Entertainment: C/E
Serving: B/L/D
Reservations: No

Smiley's Pizzaria at The Fun Zone, Ad on page: 51
Deep Creek Lake, 301-387-0059
Open 7 Days, delivery available
Cocktails/Entertainment: B/W
Serving: L/D
Reservations: No

Subway, Ad on page: 105
Oakland, 301-334-5259
10 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Cocktails/Entertainment: None
Serving: B/L/D
Reservations: No

Taste Unlimited, Ad on page: 81
Deep Creek Lake, 301-387-4040
Seasonal schedule, call to verify
Cocktails/Entertainment:C/E
Serving: L/D
Reservations:Varies w/season (call)

Uno's Chicago Grill & Bar
Ad on page: 85
Deep Creek Lake, 301-387-4866
Mon. - Sat. 11 a.m. – 12 a.m.,
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Cocktails/Entertainment: C
Serving: L/D
Reservations: No

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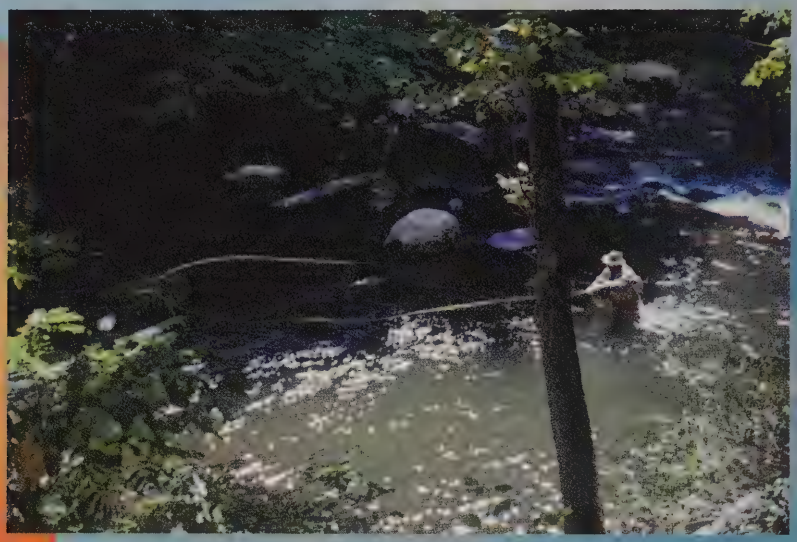

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Shopping & Services

Garrett County forms the northwestern edge of Maryland. It is considered Maryland's mountain-top playground; one-fifth of the County consists of parks, lakes, and publicly owned forestland. Deep Creek Lake, Maryland's largest inland body of water, is the focus of the County's recreation industry. Oakland, the County Seat and business center, is 106 miles from Pittsburgh and 188 miles from Baltimore.

Garrett County has over 800 businesses, which employ 8,550 workers: an estimated 16 of these businesses have over 100 workers. Major private employers include Fechheimer, Harbison-Walker Refractories, The Data Entry Company, Inc., and the Mettiki Coal Corporation.

Central Garrett Industrial Park, Southern Garrett Industrial Park, and Northern Garrett Industrial Park are State Enterprise Zones. Garrett County is a HUB (Historically Underutilized Business) Zone as designated by the U.S. Small Business Administration. Garrett County is also one of seven counties participating in the One Maryland Program, which offers significant tax credits for capital investments that create jobs.

General Information

County Seat:
Oakland

Government:
Three commissioners elected at large for four-year terms

Elevation:
Ranges from 900 to 3,360 feet above sea level

Land Area:
657 square miles

Garrett County Facts

Climate

Average yearly precipitation: 47.3 inches

Average yearly snowfall: 97.0 inches

Average summer temperature: 63.9 degrees F

Average winter temperature: 28.0 degrees F

Average duration of freeze-free period: 122 days

Deep Creek Lake

Elevation at surface: 2,462 feet

Area of lake at full pool: 3,900 acres

Average depth: 26 1/2 feet

Maximum depth: 72 feet

Summer surface temperature: 73 degrees F

Summer bottom temperature: 49 degrees F

Ice cover in mid-winter: 18 inches, approx.

Data is based on 30-year averages. Maryland State Office of Climatology.

Highway Distance from Oakland

Location	Miles	Kilometers
Baltimore, MD	188	303
Boston, MA	558	898
Chicago, IL	473	761
New York, NY	365	587
Philadelphia, PA	282	454
Pittsburgh, PA	106	171
Richmond, VA	234	377
Washington, DC	171	275

Population

Year	Garrett County	Western MD *	Maryland
1990	28,138	224,477	4,780,753
1995**	29,450	230,500	5,034,600
2000**	29,846	230,400	5,219,125
2005**	30,800	234,800	5,455,175
2010**	31,600	238,950	5,651,525
2015**	32,250	242,600	5,844,375

* *Allegany, Garrett & Washington Counties*
** *Projection, (July 2001) U.S. Bureau of the Census*

Population Distribution (2000)

Age	Male	%	Female	%	Total	%
Under 5	934	6.4	876	5.8	1810	6.1
5-19	3373	22.9	3128	20.7	6501	21.8
20-44	4858	33.0	4887	32.2	9745	32.6
45-64	3648	24.8	3681	24.3	7329	24.5
65 and over	1895	12.9	2566	17.0	4461	14.9
Total	14,708	100.0	15,138	100.0	29,846	100.0

Note: Percentages may not add due to rounding.
Estimated by the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Division of Health Statistics

1999 Employment (By place of work)

Industry	Annual Average Employment	Percentage	Average Weekly Wage
Federal Government	79	0.8	$607
State Government	94	0.9	511
Local Government	1,283	12.8	517
Private Employment	8,554	85.5	381
Construction	736	7.4	407
Manufacturing	1,132	11.3	458
Transportation, Communication & Utilities	501	5.0	453
Wholesale Trade	472	4.7	351
Retail Trade	2,057	20.5	278
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	463	4.6	395
Services	2,612	26.1	339
Other	581	5.8	707
Total	10,010	100.0	402

Note: Percentages may not add due to rounding.
Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, Office of Labor Market Analysis and Information

Effective Buying Income (1999 Percent Households)

Distribution	Garrett County	Maryland	U.S.
Under $15,000	28.0 %	12.2 %	18.4 %
$15,000 - $24,999	21.9 %	11.7 %	15.1 %
$25,000 - $49,999	32.9 %	31.1 %	31.2 %
$50,000 - $74,999	13.0 %	24.8 %	20.1 %
$75,000 and over	4.2 %	20.2 %	15.2 %
Median Household	$25,089	$45,850	$37,234
Average Household	$31,043	$54,184	$47,373
Per Capita	$11,470	$20,045	$17,691
Total EBI (Millions)	$338	$104,245	$4,877,787

Note: Percentages may not add due to rounding.
Effective Buying Income is money income less personal tax and non-tax payments. It is commonly known as "disposable income."
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Education

Number of Schools:
9 Elementary
4 Middle/Combined
2 High
5 Private

Enrollment:

4,989 Public (1999-00)
84 Private (1999-00)

Cost/Pupil:

$6,791 (Public, 1998-99)

Staff/1,000 students:

80 (Public, 1999-00)

Average SAT Scores:

518-math: 508-Verbal (2000)

Education Attainment – Age 25 and over:

High School or Higher–64.8%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher–9.5%

Career and Technical Education (CTE): The County's secondary schools offer career/technical programs and include courses in agricultural production, carpentry, drafting, industrial electronics, food management, general office services, machine tool operation, and mechanics. Over 900 secondary students are enrolled in vocational/occupational courses countywide. Garrett Community College also offers career and technical programs.

Higher Education: Garrett Community College, a two-year college, has an enrollment of approximately 700. More than 35,000 students are enrolled in seven institutions of higher education within 60 miles of Oakland.

Maryland State Department of Education and Higher Education Commission; U.S. Bureau of the Census

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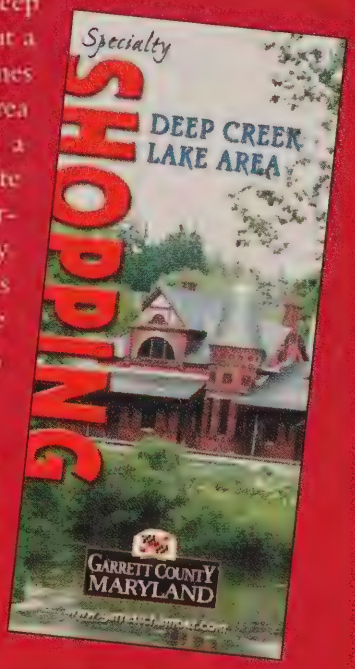
Specialty Shopping in Garrett County

No trip to Garrett County's Deep Creek Lake Region is complete without a souvenir to remind you of the good times you've had. The specialty shops of the area provide a multitude of keepsakes and a whole lot more. With a strong Mennonite history and population, hand carved furniture is a specialty in Garrett County. Homemade soaps, candles, pottery, jams and baked goods are widespread in the county, along with arts and crafts, antiques, and home décor items.



The Specialty Shopping Brochure, available at the Garrett County Visitor Center, has a full color map detailing where each shop is located with a brief description. In the brochure you will find shops ranging from country markets to galleries with a wonderful assortment in between. The Specialty Shopping Brochure is an essential tool for the "professional" shopper in the family or for anyone wanting to take a little bit of Deep Creek Lake back home with them.

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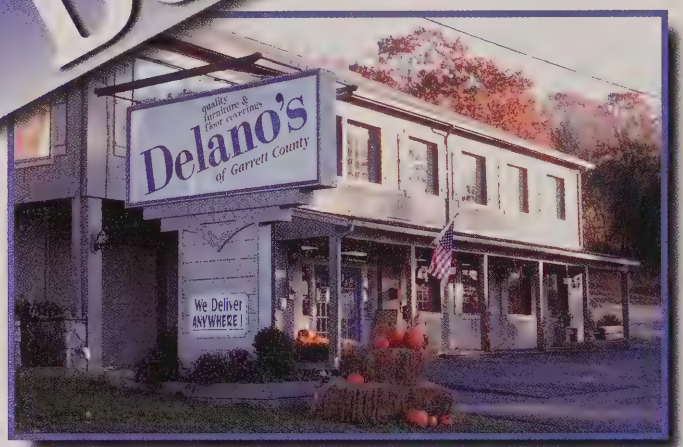

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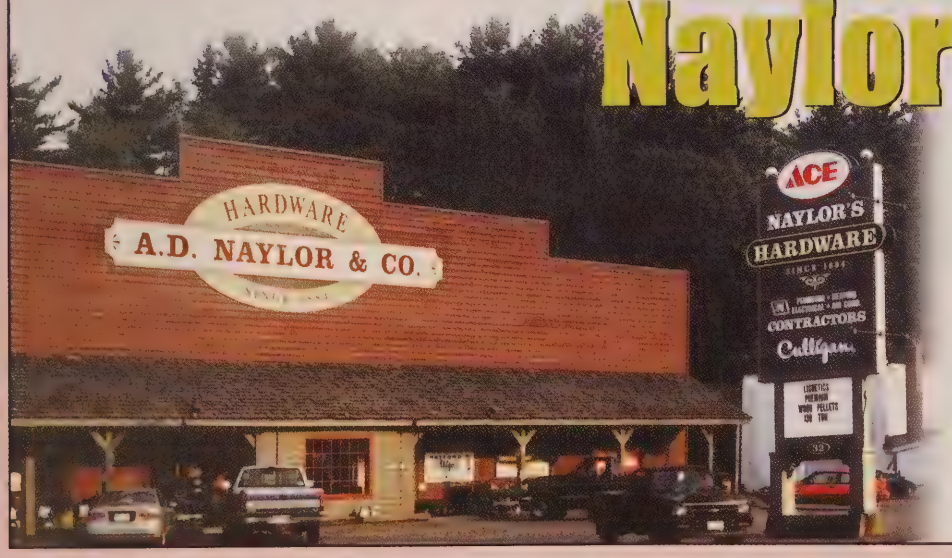

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Residents commuting outside the County to work (2000)**

2,567 — 20.7%

Employment in selected occupations (2000)**

Professional and Technical
1,456 — 11.7%

Manufacturing, Trade and Distribution
4,841 — 39.0%

* *By place of residence; preliminary data*

** *Estimated based on percentages from the 1990 Census.*

Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, Office of Labor Market Analysis and Information; Maryland Department of Planning in conjunction with U.S. Bureau of the Census

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County: None

Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation; Comptroller of the Treasury

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Garrett County's economy is influenced by numerous sectors. There have been recent growths in manufacturing. Several new companies have started operations recently and others have significantly expanded their operations. There are 60 some manufacturers located throughout the county.

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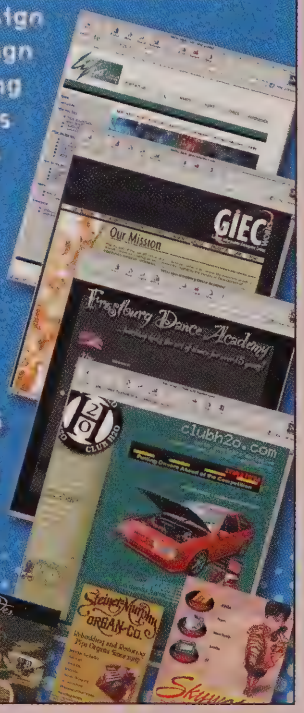

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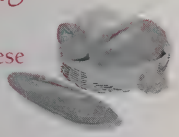

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Our strong year-round rental market can make owning your own getaway very affordable. Owners can reserve vacation times for personal use and rent their retreat the remainder of the year. Rental property management agencies make this option easy. Attractive tax

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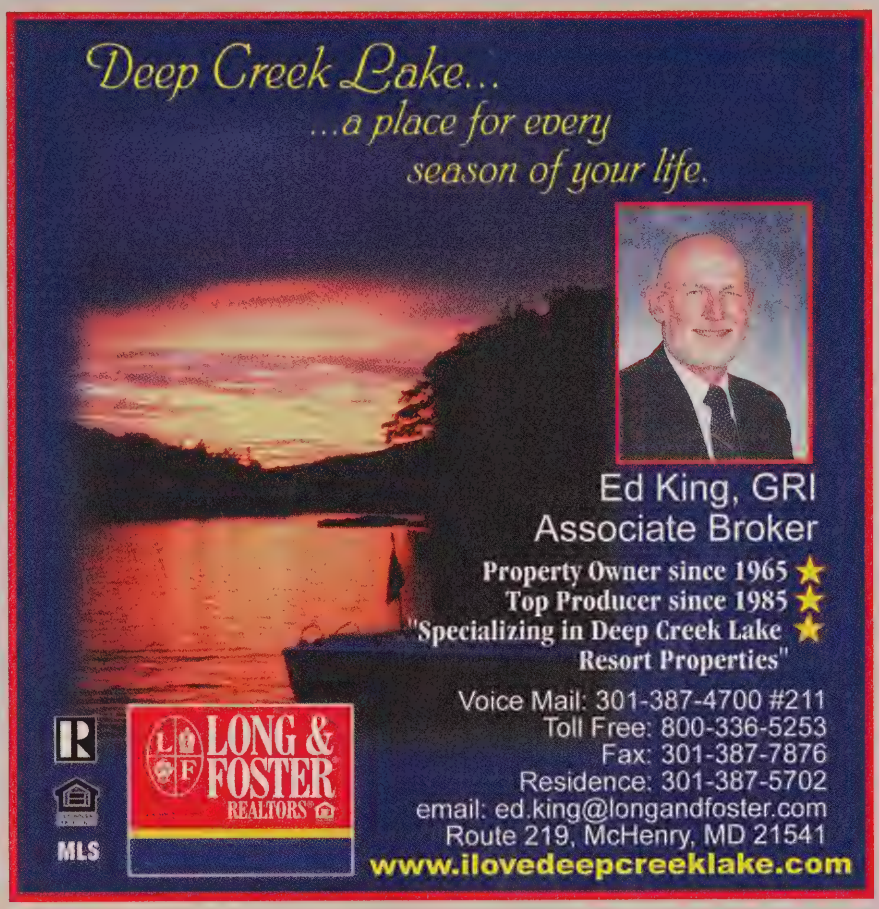

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Property adjacent to Deep Creek Lake is in highest demand. There are three tiers of pricing, based on whether a property is lakefront, lake access (near the lake with docking rights), or lake view.

As a general rule, the price of real estate dramatically decreases as distance from the lake increases. If you're considering buying a home in Garrett County, don't overlook the value of offerings within the area's friendly municipalities that aren't directly located on Deep Creek Lake. Some of the best buys in the area are in our quaint communities, which afford you an opportunity to become a part of small town America. Home own-

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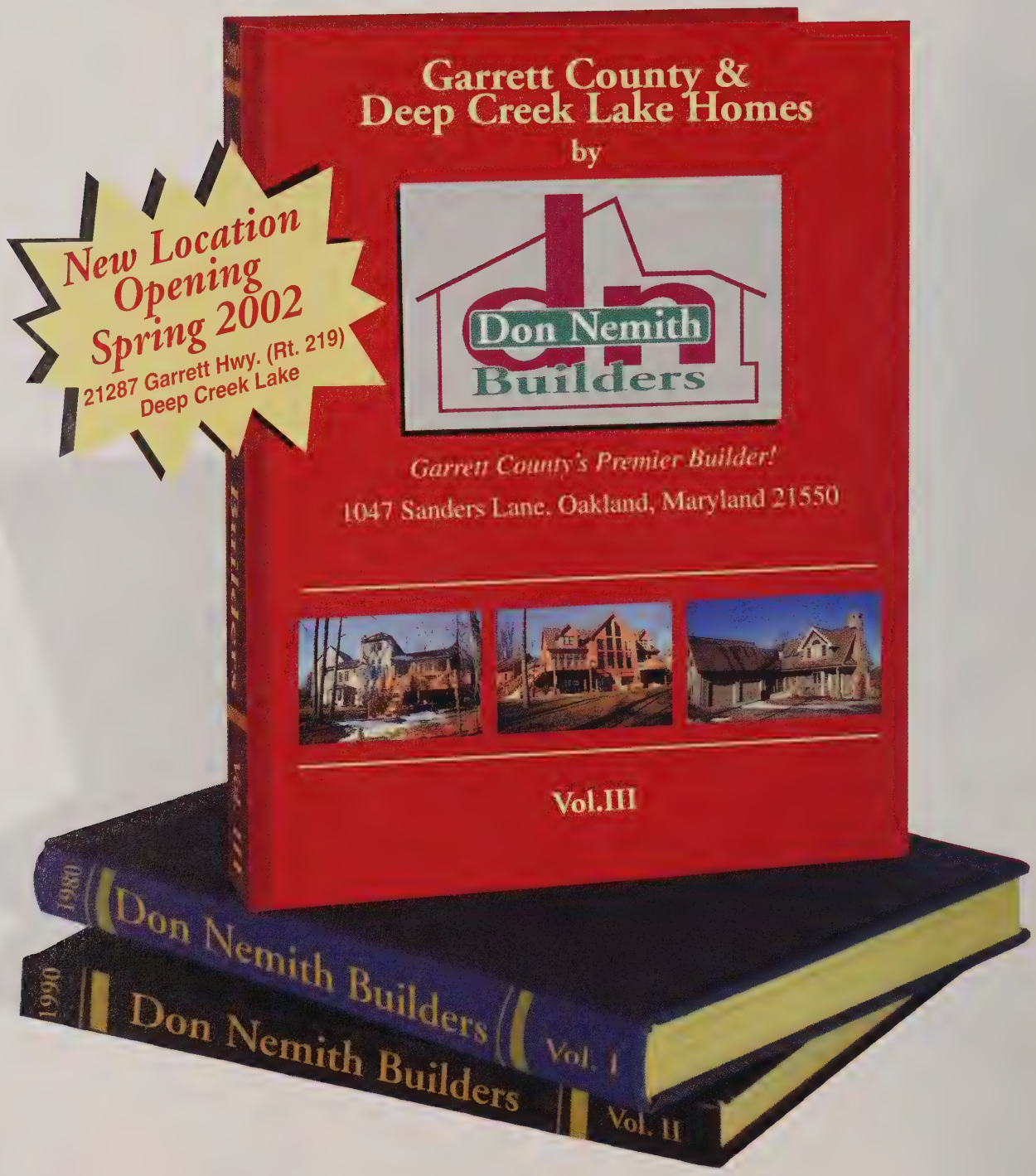

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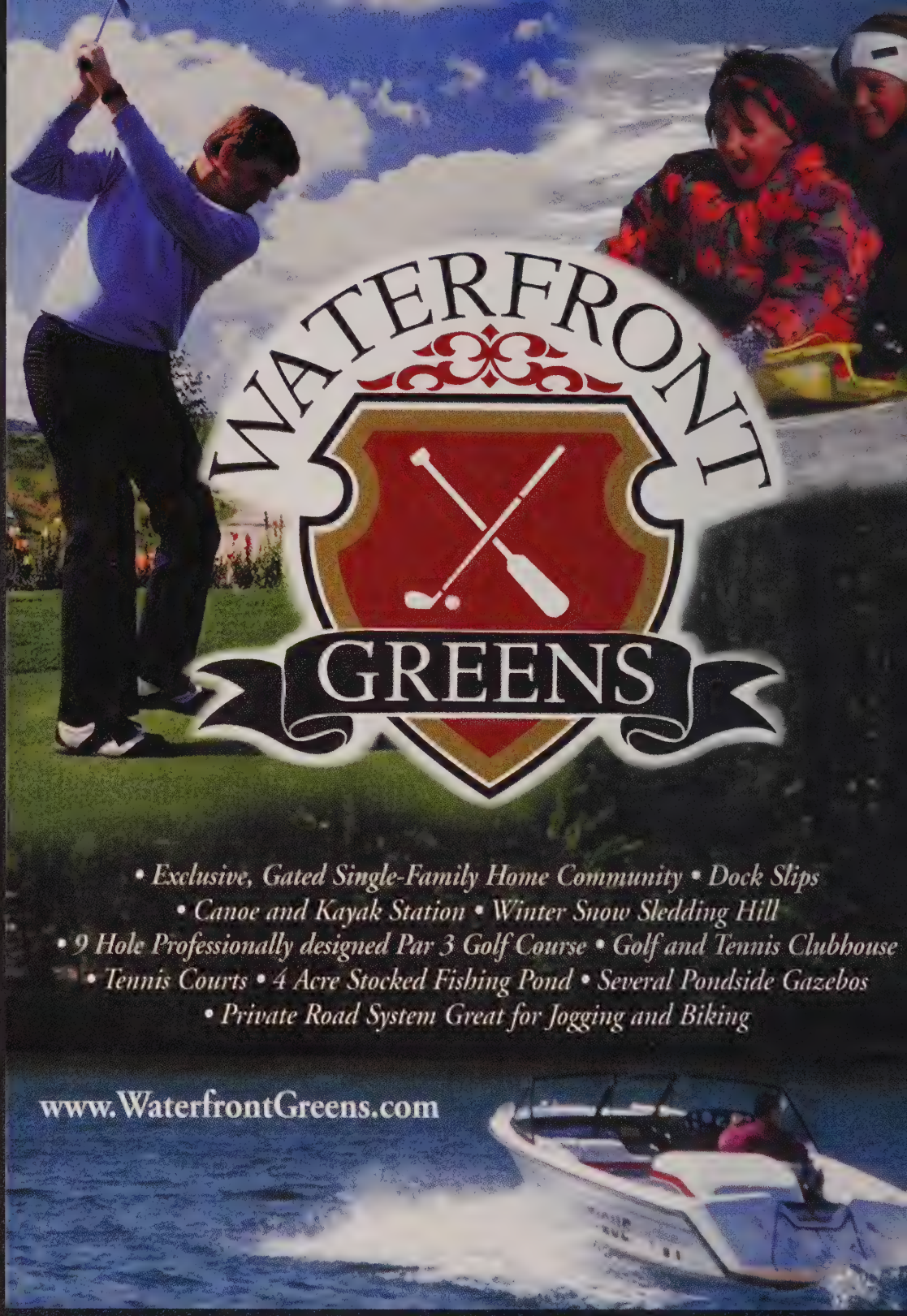

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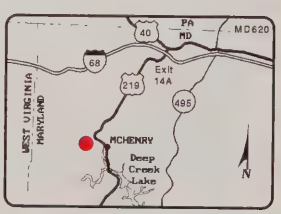

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The Board Room Motel Oakland 301-334-2126	130	Y	13	N	Y	Y	Y	N/N	$
The Casselman Inn Grantsville 301-895-5055	132	Y	44	N	Y	Y	N	N/N	$
Comfort Inn @ Deep Creek Lake Deep Creek Lake 800-225-5150 or 301-387-4200	130	Y	73 rooms 2 suites	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/N	$$
Innlet Motor Lodge Deep Creek Lake 800-540-0763 or 301-387-5596	141	Y	20	N	Y	Y	N	Y/N	$$
Lake Breez Motel Deep Creek Lake 301-387-5503 Ext. 2206	144	Y	10	N	Y	Y	N	Y/Y	$
Lake Side Motor Court Deep Creek Lake 301-387-5503 Ext. 2205	144	Y	10	N	Y	Y	N	Y/Y	$
The Lodge at Sawmill Hollow Deep Creek Lake 301-387-8455	132	N	7	Y	N	Y	N	Y/Y	$
Long Branch Motel Mountain Lake Park 301-334-4533	136	Y	12	N	Y	Y	N	N/N	$
Oak-Mar Motel Oakland 301-334-3965	136	Y	24	N	Y	N	N	N/N	$
Panorama Motel & Efficiency Apts Deep Creek Lake 800-700-9257 or 301-387-5230	141	Y	20	N	Y	N	N	N/N	$
Pine Oaks Lodge & Cottages Deep Creek Lake 301-387-5115	140	N	4 rooms 2 cabins	N	Lodge Y	N	N	Y/Y	$$
Point View Inn Deep Creek Lake 301-387-5555	143	Y	20	Y	Y	Y	N	Y/Y	$$
Savage River Lodge 301-689-3200 www.savageriverlodge.com	140	Y	18 cabins	Y	Lodge Y	Y	Y	N/N	$$$
Starlite Motel Oakland 301-334-8686	140	Y	18	N	Y	N	N	N/N	$
Swallow Falls Inn Oakland 301-387-9348	151	Y	3 cottages	N	N	N	Y	N/N	$
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firm publishes their own guide showing pictures and detailing amenities and pricing. In addition, value-minded vacationers are able to rent directly from owners listing their homes in this guide or from listings on the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce Web site at www.garrettchamber.com.

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Two hotels offer condo suite type accommodations. The Wisp Resort Hotel is part of the Wisp ski and golf complex offering a choice of onsite restaurants, an indoor pool and health club and large scale meeting facilities. Will O' the Wisp, with docking on Deep Creek Lake, is home to the Four Seasons Dining Room with a great water view.

In keeping with the Deep Creek Lake Area's old-time character, most accommodations here are distinctive, locally owned and operated facilities. Each property is unique in some way and offers friendly small-town service at family-friendly pricing. The branded operations you will recognize are a full service Holiday Inn in Grantsville and the Comfort Inn near Deep Creek Lake in McHenry.

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Hotels, Motels, Lodges and Condos

Hotel, Motel, Lodge or Condo Address/Phone	See Ad on Page	Credit Cards	# of Rooms/ Suites/Cabins	Conference Room	Air Conditioned	Handicapped Accessible	Pets Allowed	Lake Front/ Boat Slips	Cost
Will O' the Wisp Prestige Condominiums Deep Creek Lake 301-387-5503 Ext. 2206	144	Y	47 suites 4 cottages	Y	Y	Y	N	Y/Y	$$
Wisp Mountain Resort Hotel & Conference Center Deep Creek Lake 800-462-9477 www.wispresort.com	147	Y	66 rooms 102 suites	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/N	$$

Bed & Breakfast Inns

Bed & Breakfast Address/Phone	See Ad on Page	Credit Cards	# of Rooms/ Suites/Cabins	Conference Room	Air Conditioned	Handicapped Accessible	Pets Allowed	Lake Front/ Boat Slips	Cost
Carmel Cove Inn Deep Creek Lake 301-387-0067	134	Y	10 rooms	Y	Y	N	N	Y/N	$$$
Casselman Valley Farm Grantsville 301-895-3419	130	Y	3 rooms	N	Y	N	N	N/N	$
The Deer Park Inn Deer Park 301-334-2308	130	Y	3 rooms	Y	N	N	N	N/N	$$
Elliott House Victorian Inn Grantsville 800-272-4090 or 301-895-4250	136	Y	6 rooms 3 cottages	Y	Y	Y	N	N/N	$$
Good Timber Bed & Breakfast Deep Creek Lake 301-387-0097	130	Y	3 rooms	N	Y	N	N	Y/N	$$$
Haley Farm B&B and Retreat Center Deep Creek Lake 888-231-FARM or 301-387-9050	138	Y	3 rooms 7 suites	Y	Y	Y	N	N/N	$$$
Lake Pointe Inn Deep Creek Lake 800-523-LAKE or 301-387-0111	132	Y	7 rooms 3 suites	Y	Y	Y	N	Y/N	$$$
The Oak & Apple Oakland MD 301-334-9265	136	Y	5 rooms	N	N	N	N	N/N	$$
Red Run Lodge Deep Creek Lake 800-898-7786 or 301-387-2626	84	Y	6 rooms 2 suites	Y	Y	N	N	Y/Y	$$
Savage River Inn Deep Creek Lake 301-245-4440	140	Y	2 rooms 2 suites	N	Y	N	N	N/N	$$
Streams & Dreams Retreat Deep Creek Lake 301-3-TROUT-1 or 301-387-6881	142	Y	3 rooms 2 cottages	N	N	N	N	N/N	$$
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Several accommodations of all types include either a private dock or docking privileges. If you bring your own boat or rent one, this amenity is the key to getting to many fun destinations without using your car. There are public docks at seven restaurants including the Lakeside Creamery, where you can get the #1 rated vanilla ice cream in the U.S., the Arrowhead Market/Garrett 8 Cinemas, the state park's beach area and Discovery Center, and many other locations. Pick up a ***Travel by Boat*** brochure or check the Chamber of Commerce website at www.garrettchamber.com.

Be Sure To Plan Ahead

It is always wise to make reservations as early as possible. The value times are mid-March to the end of May and mid-October till Thanksgiving. In addition to the accommodations listed in this guide, other facilities can be found on www.garrettchamber.com. The Garrett County Visitors Center keeps daily updates on availability during the summer and holiday periods. If you are having difficulty making a reservation, please contact a friendly travel advisor at 301-387-4386, open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week.

Family Reunions, Deep Creek Lake Style

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Accommodations of all sorts are available. Depending on how many people will attend your reunion – and if it's in the Deep Creek Lake Area you can expect a crowd – you may want to consider renting a couple of large vacation homes. Some of them sleep over 30 people. If you have a tiny family, perhaps a bed & breakfast would suit your needs. There are also motels and hotels throughout the area ranging from economical to full service resort.

As far as entertaining your family, we've got that covered too. The area offers a wide range of activities for all ages. In all seasons, the state parks schedule demonstrations and programs which are designed to appeal to both active folks seeking adventure as well as those more inclined to recline. Guide services are also available for outings such as mountain biking, whitewater rafting, rock climbing, or farm tours. For those interested in history and heritage, there are self-guided walking tours and lots of information at the Garrett County Historical Society Museum. You may even want to do some genealogical research in the area churchyards.

If you need to plan a special meal during the reunion, consider hiring your own executive chef who will come into your vacation home to prepare a dinner or brunch to your specifications. Several local caterers are also available to serve you at your location. For reunion organizers who prefer traditional restaurant banquet rooms, you will also find many options in the Deep Creek Lake Area.

So, before you begin planning the big reunion, check our website at www.garrettchamber.com or call us at 301-387-4FUN. We can give you the information that will make you a family hero. But beware – you may be selected to organize your next reunion as well.

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301-387-5534
www.alpinevillageinn.com
alpinevillage@earthlink.net
Contact Beverly Taylor

Meeting rooms: (offsite)
Capacity: 10-300
Guest rooms: 29
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Bumble Bee Rd.
Deep Creek Lake, MD
Ron Windle (Washington Area)
301-570-1108
Cliff Everett (Local) 301-387-5230
RJWindle@aol.com

Meeting rooms: 1
Capacity: 90
Guest rooms: 5 main lodge/2 bunk
Food Service Available

Carmel Cove Inn
Deep Creek Lake, MD
301-387-0067
fax: 301-387-2394
www.carmelcoveinn.com
carmelcoveinn@gcnetmail.net

Meeting rooms: 2
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Guest rooms: 10
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Comfort Inn–Deep Creek Lake
2704 Deep Creek Drive
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301-387-4200
800-225-5150
www.choicehotels.com
ktaylor@iceweb.net
Karen Taylor, Sherrie Kelso

Meeting rooms: 2
Capacity: 50
Guest rooms: 75
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The Deer Park Inn
65 Hotel Rd.
Deer Park, MD 21550
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Meeting rooms: 2
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Guest rooms: 3
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Kam Gillespie

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Guest rooms: 10
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301-387-0190
www.DeepCreekInns.com
info@DeepCreekInns.com
Carol McNiece, Innkeeper

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Capacity: 20
Guest rooms: 10
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Audio/Visual Equipment

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www.pointviewinn.com
Tanya Beitzel

Meeting rooms: 1
Capacity: 100
Guest rooms: 20
Food Service Available

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175 Red Run Rd.
Oakland, MD 21550
301-387-2626
800-898-RRUN (7786)
www.redrunlodge.com

Meeting rooms: 3
Capacity: 15-20
Guest rooms: 6 rms/2 suites
Food Service Available

Savage River Lodge
P.O. Box 655
Grantsville, MD 21536-0655
301-689-3200
301-689-2746
www.savageriverlodge.com
savageriverlodge@mindspring.com
Jan Russell

Meeting rooms: 1
Capacity: 36
Guest rooms: 18
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Streams & Dreams
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Oakland, MD 21550
301-387-6881
www.streams-and-dreams.net
fishing4u2@juno.com
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sales@willothewisp.com
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sedwards@wispresort.com

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Denise Homberg, Banquet & Sales Director

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Audio/Visual Equipment

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301-387-4386
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Boating life is a big part of the warmer weather activities, but that doesn't mean that you need to leave your pet at your accommodations. Even if you don't own a boat and end up renting one, some allow pets aboard. However, just remember to follow the boating laws and to keep your pet safe. A life preserver for pets could come in handy!

For a *Vacationing with Your Pet* information sheet, please contact the Chamber at 301-387-4386.

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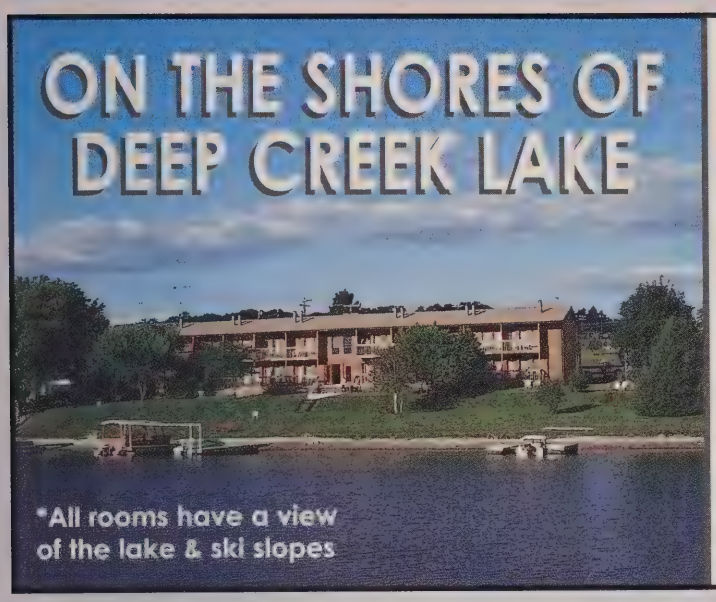

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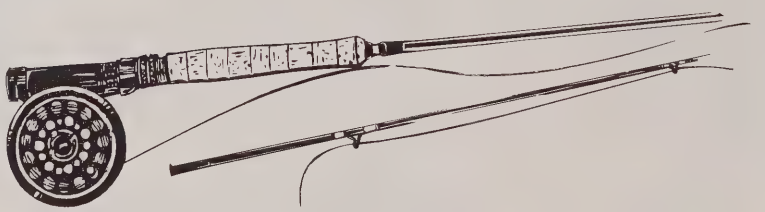

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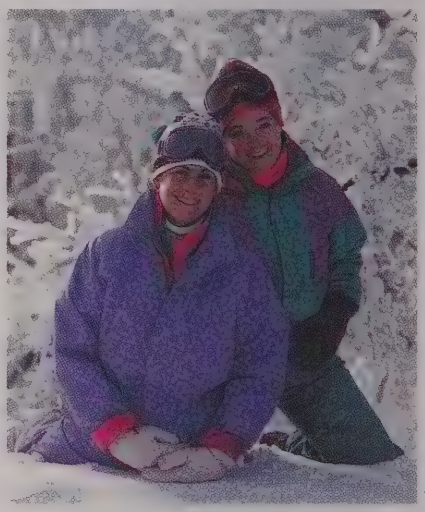
What to Pack

The Deep Creek Lake Area offers activities year round, so no matter when your trip is planned, it helps to be fully prepared. This handy packing guide will better organize you for a full day and night of fun.



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December – Mid March:

Bring warm clothes and be prepared to bundle up with loved ones. There is usually a ton of snow, so bring layered clothing not only to keep you warm, but dry as well. We also recommend plenty of hot chocolate and warm winter fires. Heavy snowstorms can occur suddenly in our area. Although the county and state road departments are extremely efficient at snow removal, it is always wise to be prepared. Carry supplies needed to spend time in your vehicle, should an emergency arise.

Mid March – Mid June:

As spring arrives in the region, the snow begins to melt. Streams run faster, making it a great time for river water sports. Remember too, that spring showers may also be in the forecast. Layered clothing

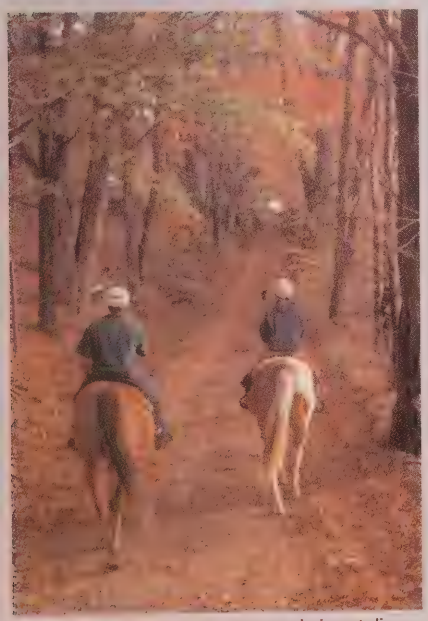
is highly recommended due to the range of temperatures. You may even want to bring a heavy coat and gloves for the evenings.

Mid June – Mid September:

This is the area's "hot" season, and you'll see plenty of summer clothes this time of year. However, due to the elevation, you'll find the summer cooler than at the beaches and evenings quite comfy. If you're one for feeling chilly no matter the temperature, you may want to bring along a sweater or light jacket for outdoor evening excursions. Evening temperatures typically drop into the sixties during the summer months.

Mid September – October:

Although fall foliage is in its full glory, the weather can range from Indian Summer to down right cold. Be prepared to bring along layered clothing for warm to cold and wet days. Also bring a pair of gloves and even a hat as the weather gets cold enough to encourage sparking up that fireplace in your accommodations.



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Vacationing With Black Bears

Black bears have an interesting history as part of Maryland's natural heritage. In pre-colonial times, bears were considered 'vermin' and a threat to man. As our pioneer ancestors cleared forests, bears were driven from most areas due to habitat changes.

During the past two decades, bear numbers have steadily increased in Western Maryland. No other wildlife species can reflect the true feeling of "wildness" better than the black bear! It is refreshing to discover that this native wildlife species has returned during a time when habitat losses are too often leading to wildlife population declines. The sight of a bear is proof that Maryland has extensive forest habitat for this wide-ranging animal.

Black bears can become a nuisance however, particularly for people who live near prime bear habitat. Conflict between bears and people arise when bears damage personal property and agricultural products. A bear will take advantage of any food available. Never feed a bear – they come to rely on the easy meal rather than foraging in the woods. Also, please keep meat scraps in the freezer until trash pick up day, rinse food cans and wrappers before disposing, keep pet food indoors, and keep BBQ grills and picnic tables clean. When a bear finds a food source, it will usually return to that source regularly.

Most bears are wary of people and will usually leave an area when they see you. Keep in mind that they are still wild no matter how

"tame" they may appear. When spotting a friendly looking bear, resist the temptation to go running for your camera, while telling junior to get closer for a photo. Also, make sure pets are on a leash or otherwise restrained. A dog nipping at a bear will undoubtedly be perceived as a threat and the results might be disastrous.

Here are some important pointers if you encounter a bear:

1. If a bear stands on its hind legs while staring at you, it is not a sign of aggression. Bears rely on their sense of smell to alert them to potential danger and they are just "checking you out."

2. If you see a cub, the mother is almost always nearby and very protective. Be careful to avoid positioning yourself between a mother and her cub.

3. The way a bear shows aggressive behavior is to woof, snap it's jaws, slap the ground or shrubs, or act like it's about to charge at you. These are signs that you are too close and the bear is feeling threatened. If this should occur, slowly back away. Always leave the bear an escape route.

4. Bears can usually be chased away with loud noises- yell, bang pans or use an air horn.

As a visitor, it is important to help minimize bear confrontations. They are most commonly seen in Deep Creek State Park and along the Youghiogheny River corridor. The most important thing to remember is to never panic. There are no recorded bear attacks in western Maryland. So, if you see a bear, give it plenty of space, slowly back away and enjoy the experience.

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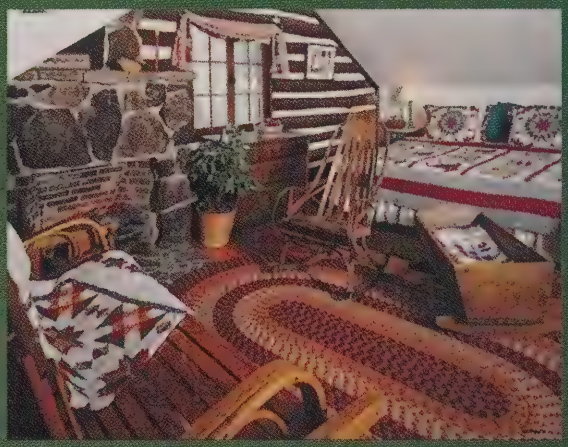

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Find out how great a vacation can be with these two exclusive homes on Deep Creek Lake.

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Summer	995	-	-
Fall	750	480	75

2 BR, Sleep Sofa, 1 BA, Hot Tub, Gas FP, Dock, W/D, PH, Cable TV, VCR, AM/FM - CD, D/W, AC, Jenn-Air, Micro, Convection Oven, Grill

Timberlake

	Week	Weekend	Extra Night
Winter	$1495	$965	$150
Spring	1020	695	105
Summer	1495	-	-
Fall	1020	695	105

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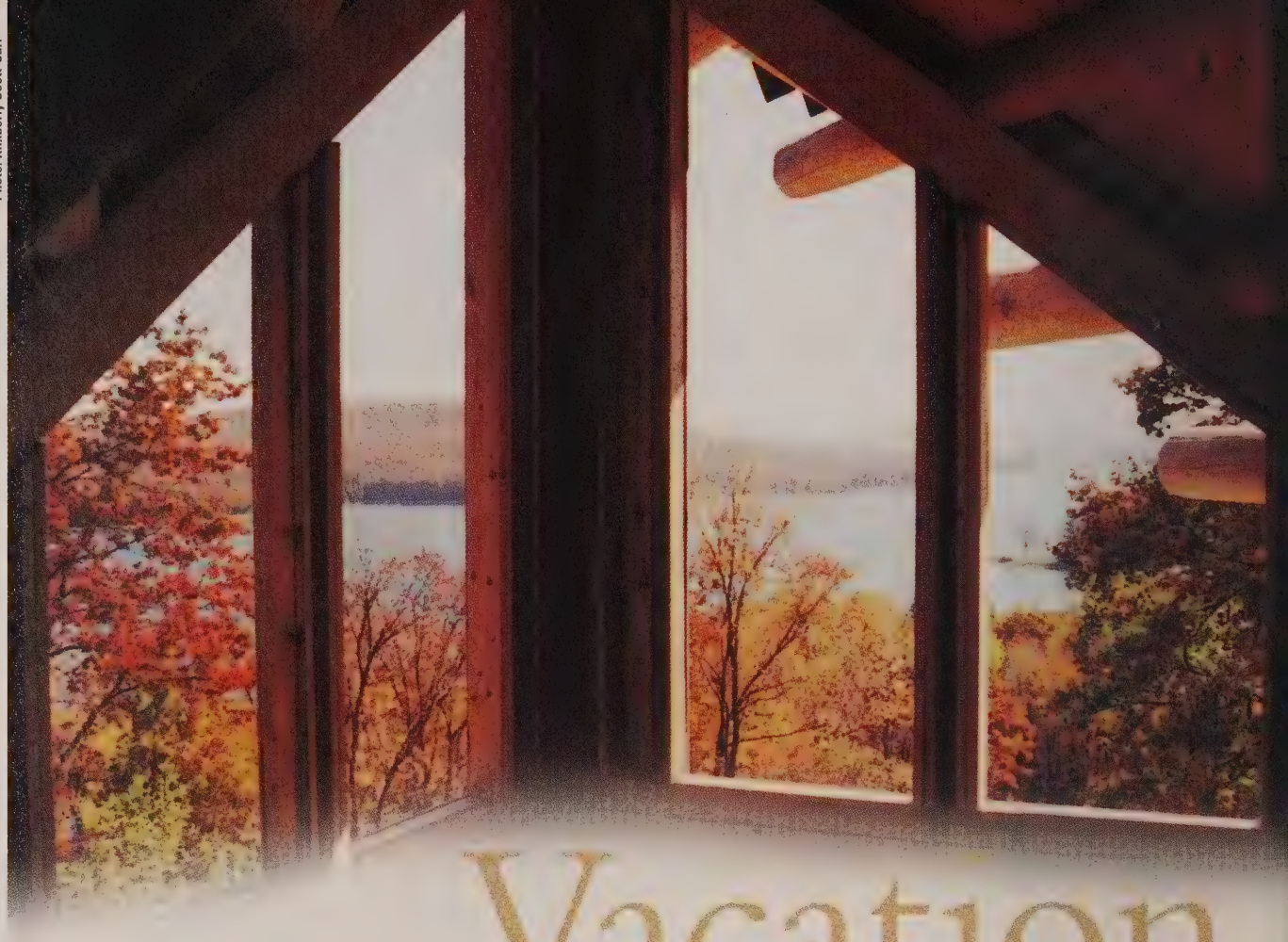

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Vacation Rentals

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Al's On The Bend

Spacious chalet on Glendale Road, near restaurants and state parks. Clean, quiet and very cozy! 3BR, 21/2 baths fully equipped. Living room with fireplace, family room with wood stove, stereo,

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"Quaint" cabin in the woods located on the Youghiogheny River, (famous for flyfishing). Sleeps four comfortably, one bedroom in lower and double bed located in a "Ladder Climb" loft, also includes a sofa bed in TV room. Cabin has all comforts, dishwasher, microwave, etc. Outdoor bon fire pit with a picnic table and seating arrangement for a real outdoor camp feel. Renter must supply lines. No pets allowed. Call Pete or Erin. Work: 410-489-9001, home: 410-489-7364.

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Lake's Edge Cottage

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Ski Cove 5

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Glen Haven Chalet

Lakefront Rental

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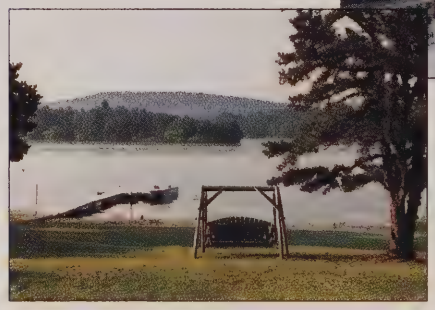

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	475. 2 Nite	475. 2 Nite
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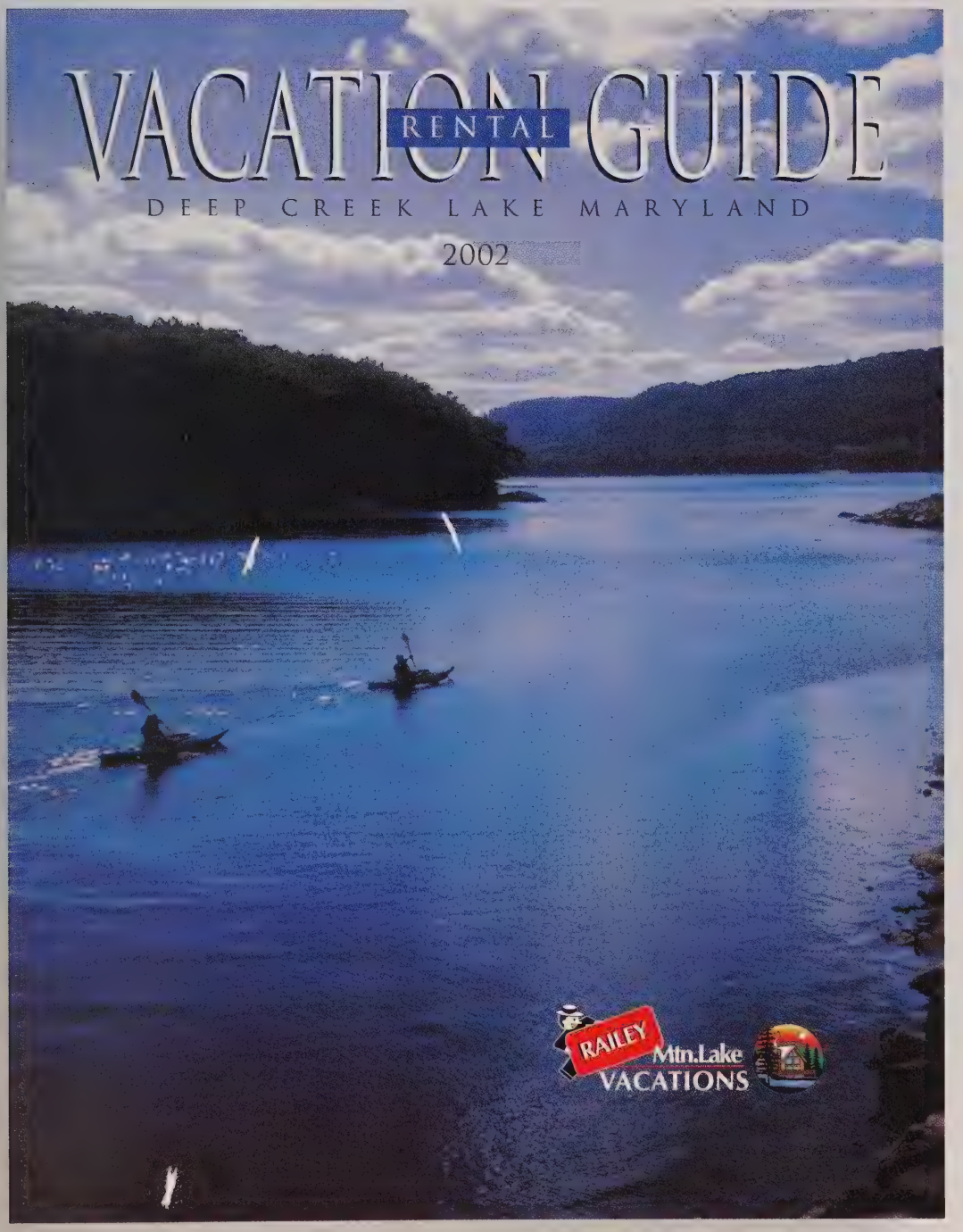

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9 BEDROOMS, 7.5 BATHS,
OCCUPANCY: 28

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4 BEDROOMS, 3 BATHS,
OCCUPANCY: 11

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Heart's Desire

Why settle for "ordinary" when you can have your "Heart's Desire"? This beautiful log home is ideally located on a quiet cove at the popular north end of the lake, within a short distance to a wide variety of fun activities including golf and skiing. The view-gathering windows of the magnificent great room spotlight the slopes of Wisp as well as the lake and set the mood for a dream vacation.
8 BEDROOMS, 6.5 BATHS, OCCUPANCY: 20

Sunkissed Cove

Elegance and luxury are yours to enjoy in this wonderful lakefront chalet. This immaculate home is finished and furnished with care and quality. Exquisitely decorated, Sunkissed Cove is custom designed with five master suites and one bedroom and bath being wheel chair accessible. This stunning home also offers a gourmet kitchen, pool table, piano and basketball.
7 BEDROOMS, 7 BATHS
OCCUPANCY: 22

Mallard Landing

Standing tall next to stately trees, Mallard Landing exemplifies luxury and beauty. This spectacular log chalet offers level lakefront living that goes beyond your expectations. Eight master suites, beautiful furnishings, and a spectacular view of both the lake and the ski slopes put Mallard Landing in a class all its own. Mallard Landing excels in all areas when it comes to vacation retreats.
8 BEDROOMS, 9.5 BATHS, OCCUPANCY: 24

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Waterfront Chateau

The discriminating guest will appreciate this luxurious lakefront home. Enjoy the cool mountain air from the screened porch overlooking the tranquil wooded setting. Custom designed, this incredible chalet offers 4 master suites each with an oversized jetted tub, fireplace and TV. The multitude of amenities include outdoor hot tub, sauna, pool table, and A/C.
7 BEDROOMS, 6.5 BATHS, OCCUPANCY: 20

Moonrise Retreat

Considering a retreat to refresh the spirit or to mingle with family and friends, look no further than Moonrise Retreat. Escort your crew to the exclusive community of Waterfront Greens — drop a line in the nearby stocked fishing pond, bike or cross country ski on the private roads, kayak on the quiet cove or walk to your nearby dock. Fun awaits you at Moonrise Retreat.
4 BEDROOMS, 3.5 BATHS
OCCUPANCY: 12

Celebration

Celebrate the bountiful beauty of nature from the unequaled splendor of this remarkable lakefront chalet! Everything about Celebration is larger than life — from its four master suites with king size beds to its awesome great room with cathedral ceilings and native stone fireplace. Ideally located on one of Deep Creek Lake's most popular coves, Celebration stands out as one of the area's finest vacation retreats.
8 BEDROOMS, 6.5 BATHS, OCCUPANCY: 26

RAILEY Mtn.Lake VACATIONS

Point Breake II

Elegant beyond description! This superb villa is designed to be savored by those looking for the ultimate in a luxurious vacation home. Situated on a level lawn only 20 yards from the water with panoramic views, this magnificent home boasts such fineries as 5 master suites, gourmet kitchen, surround sound, 2-50 lb ice makers, fire pit and a family room with pool table, large screen TV and kitchenette.
7 BEDROOMS, 6.5 BATHS,
OCCUPANCY: 19

Odyssey's End

Unwind in style at Odyssey's End, a spectacular new chalet boasting lofty cathedral ceilings and quality furnishings. Plan to spend a little time on your excellent lawn sunbathing or star gazing. Pamper yourself with all the extras offered at Odyssey including outdoor hot tub, pool table, and A/C. You'll agree it's worth the journey!
6 BEDROOMS, 5.5 BATHS,
OCCUPANCY: 15

La Dolci Vita

Located on a quiet dead end road, La Dolci Vita will delight everyone in your party. The warmly decorated interior with its cathedral ceilings and expansive deck offering views of the lake and the level lakefront and private dock just 30 yards from the deck will capture the delight of both young and old. This brand new chalet exemplifies the sweeter side of life.
6 BEDROOMS, 4.5 BATHS, OCCUPANCY: 12

Stargazer.calm

Prepare to be dazzled by every aspect, inside and out, of this exceptional chalet! Newly constructed high atop a hillside with the most phenomenal western exposure and view of the lake, Stargazer.calm will have you standing spellbound on its wraparound deck. Unforgettable sunsets, pampering features such as outdoor hot tub and sauna, and a warm and inviting interior set the standard for a fabulous vacation.
6 BEDROOMS, 4 Full, 2 Half BATHS,
OCCUPANCY: 16

WildLife

Perched high above the serene waters of beautiful Deep Creek Lake, this immaculate chalet offers the best of all worlds. Close to all area activities yet tucked away on a tranquil mountainside, WildLife represents the best of country living. Revel in the breathtaking beauty of your surroundings as you relax in your hot tub on your wraparound deck. WildLife awaits you!
5 BEDROOMS, 3 BATHS
OCCUPANCY: 10

Harbor View

This popular contemporary home is nestled in a wooded setting on a level lakefront. Atmosphere abounds in the cozy sunken living room with stone fireplace and hardwood floors. The oversized-jetted tub and the new outdoor hot tub on the expanded deck create the ambiance for that romantic getaway. Pets are welcome!
3 BEDROOMS, 2 BATHS, OCCUPANCY: 8

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RAILEY Mtn.Lake VACATIONS

Stop by the Deep Creek Lake Area Visitors Center...

...and Get the Whole Picture.

The Garrett County Chamber of Commerce is your best source for county-wide information on all the fun things to do here, including attractions, recreation, shopping, dining, and entertainment. We can even assist you in finding available accommodations.

GARRETT COUNTY
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Call 301-387-4FUN, or come see us at 15 Visitors Center Drive, 13 miles south of I-68, off Route 219 in McHenry.

Take a Closer Look

Do you have a special interest that you would like to pursue in Garrett County? Or are you ready to try something new?

The Garrett County Chamber of Commerce produces several specialized brochures. These brochures outline the many options a visitor has when visiting the Deep Creek Lake Area. From shopping to traveling by boat, each brochure is detailed with helpful information and is a must-have when exploring the county.

You can request any of these brochures for free by calling the Visitors Center at 301-387-4386, or by visiting www.garrettchamber.com.

Travel by Boat

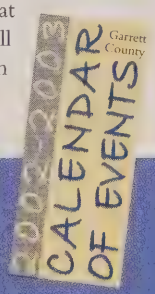
Boating enthusiasts can travel by water to numerous boat accessible destinations. A large map allows you to easily maneuver through Deep Creek Lake and its many secluded coves. Points of interest and businesses that welcome boaters, including restaurants and marinas, are detailed on the map.

Specialty Shopping

With over 25 specialty shops in the area, ranging from bakeries to florists, tourist shops to country markets, there is something for everyone. Each region's specialty shops are located on a full-color map, allowing easy travel between stores. It makes finding the perfect gift simple.

Calendar of Events

Produced twice a year, the Garrett County Calendar of Events is a comprehensive listing of all the fun events scheduled for the year. Each event, whether is it a festival, a craft show or a fireworks bonanza, is described in great detail and contains all of the information you need.



The Antique Guide

Among the lush mountain scenery, open roads and rolling farmland, there are great antique gems to be found. Inside the antique guide is a full-color map, which will help you find each of our unique shops. Dining and lodging facilities are also highlighted to round-out your antiquing experience.

Fly Fishing

Garrett County has wonderful rivers and streams. This fly-fishing paradise is shown in detail with fishing package locations and angling services available on a handy color map of Garrett County. A chart of fly hatches will help fishermen on the Casselman, the Yough, Savage and North Branch Rivers.

Visit Our Working Farms

Did you know there are over 650 family farms in Garrett County? Learn about Garrett County's agricultural heritage and enjoy hands-on experience at several working farms. Each farm offers something unique for the whole family. These rural attractions are detailed with directions and reservation information.

Garrett County Street Map

The Garrett County Street Map makes getting from Point A to Point B a snap with its well-marked, easy-to-read streets. Maps of Deep Creek Lake, Oakland and all of Garrett County are included to make travel easy. There is also a listing of all the roads and where to find them on the map.

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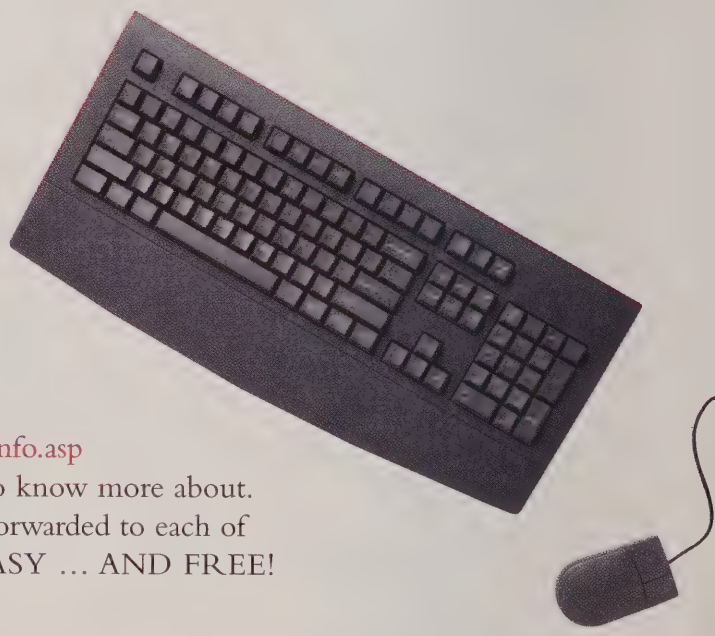

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The Deep Creek Lake Area is a rural vacation destination comprised mostly of small businesses. Every inquiry will be given prompt personal attention. However, during peak periods, we will need more time (2-3 weeks) to respond as our days are filled with serving current guests.

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